FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 562/19

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

1. How many complaints has the council received about homeless encampments in the local authority area in the last five calendar years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)? Please break this down by year.

Answer:
None for all years specified.

2. How many tents have been confiscated by the council after they were used to set up "temporary homes" in the local authority area in the last five calendar years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)? Please break this down by year.

Answer:
None for all years specified.

3. What is the current fee charged by the council to homeless people in order to reclaim such possessions?

Answer:
No such fee has been set.

4. How many homeless people have reclaimed their possessions (tents, bags etc) confiscated by the council as part of the policy for clearing homeless encampments in the last five calendar years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)? Please break this down by year.

Answer:
Not Applicable

5. How many homeless encampments have been cleared by the council in the last five calendar years (2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)? Please break this down by year. Please say what bylaws were used to clear these areas. For example:
Dispersal powers: section 35 of the 2014 Act allows the police to disperse individuals or groups causing or likely to cause antisocial behaviour in public places or common areas of private land, directing them to leave a specified area and not to return for up to 48 hours.

By homeless encampments I am referring to locations where one or more homeless people live in an area. These encampments can be found on properties owned by private individuals or companies or owned by local, state, and government agencies. They can be in open spaces such as parks etc.

Answer:
None for all years specified.

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