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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-1719 - Fire in Council Buildings
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Dear [REDACTED]

Please accept our sincerest apologies for the delay in responding to your information request of 14 November 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

This request is in regard to Public Council owned buildings such as Schools, Community Centres and Sports Centres.

1. Since the year 2000, How many empty Aberdeen City Council buildings (such as former schools or community centres) have had a fire incident occur since being closed?

ACC does not hold information in relation to this question prior to 2011. In total there have been 6 Fire incidents.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **prior to 2011, the number of empty Aberdeen City Council buildings have had a fire incident occur since being closed** as it is not held by the Council. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(a) - Information Not Held - of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it. ACC is required by Regulation 10(1)(b) of the EIRs to inform you as to why in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining this exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing this information to you. ACC is satisfied that it does not hold this information and considers that, as there is no information held, the public interest lies with the exception.

2. Since the year 2000, How many of these buildings which have been affected by fire after the closure has had the land are they on-sold to private developers?

Two of the six sites were sold to private developers, two have been or are being redeveloped by the Council.

3. Since the year 2000, How many of these buildings/land the buildings were the council trying to redevelop but were stopped due to the public opinions?

None.

The developer of the former Victoria Road School was unsuccessful with a planning application to redevelop the site.

4. Since the year 2000, Who is the primary landowner of land which the former council buildings were on, after the land was sold ? (who owns the most?)

Two sites have been sold following fire incidents. One is the former Causewayend School which was sold to Mile End Developments. The other is the former Mile End School which was sold to Unite.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Buchan
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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