Foi Enquiries

From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 14 June 2018 15:20
To: [redacted]
Subject: FOI-18-0765 - Discretionary Housing
Attachments: V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [redacted]

Thank you for your information request of 15 May 2018 and please accept our sincerest apologies for the delay in replying back to you. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

1.How much money has the council spent for each of the past three financial years (total spend across all departments and services – not just housing).

ACC publishes this information on its website, please see below the relevant links:

2015/2016 - https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/ACC_Annual_Accounts_15-16_0.pdf - On page 40
2016/2017 - https://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2017-09/Aberdeen%20City%20Council%20Annual%20Accounts%202016-17.pdf - On page 44
2017/2018 – The annual accounts are going to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny committee on 26 June 2018. A copy will be available on the Council's website then.

As information on **the Council spent for 2015/16 and 2016/17 (total spend across all department and services – not just housing)** is otherwise accessible on ACC's website at the link copied above, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 25(1) in conjunction with Section 25(3) - Information Otherwise Accessible - of the FOISA.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **the Council spent for 2017/18 (total spend across all department and services – not just housing)** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

2.How much money has the council spent on Discretionary Housing Payments, for each of the past three financial years.

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
£1,369,777.00	£1,241,709.00	£1,650,945.57

3.How much money has the council spent on Discretionary Housing Payments to households receiving Universal Credit, for each of the past three financial years.

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Zero	£37,914.65	£58,053.96

4.How many households have applied for Discretionary Housing Payments for each of the past three years.

Please be informed that the below figures are in relation to successful cases only as ACC do not keep the breakdown information for unsuccessful cases.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Received	2629	3021	2882

a) How many of these households receive Universal Credit.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Universal Credit	0	90	127

b) How many of these households receive Housing Benefit.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Housing Benefit	2070	2271	2509

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **number of households have applied for Discretionary Housing Payments for each of the past three years** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

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Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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