

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000626
Date 22 November 2016

Cyber Security

Request:

1. What percentage of your 2015 budget was spent on cyber security?
In respect of question 1, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the category you are specifically requesting. Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to the above as we do not have a specific budget for cyber security, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, please see below the budget figure for ICT Security for the financial year 2015/16 which we hope we be of help:

£166,000

2. Did your cyber security budget in 2015 increase or decrease compared to the previous year? And by what percentage?

In respect question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the category you are specifically requesting. Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to the above as we do not have a specific budget for cyber security, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, please see below the information we can provide to you in relation to ICT Security for the financial year 2015/16:

The budget for ICT security in the financial year 2015/16 was decreased by 30% compared to the 2014/15 financial year. This is largely due to security contracts running over more than one year and being renewed / replaced on a cyclical basis.