



Response to Request for Information

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Right to Buy

Request:

I wish to make the following Freedom of Information Request:

1. In FY 16/17, how many Right to Buy (For Right to Buy, please include Preserved Right to Buy and Right to Acquire) applications did the Authority Admit (Housing Act 1985, S124)? [We admitted 568 Right to Buy applications.](#)
2. In FY 16/17, how many Right to Buy applications did the Authority Deny (Housing Act 1985, S124)? If possible, please provide the information for properties transferred from London Borough of Bexley. If not available, please provide for all former London Council stock you now own." [We denied 10 Right to Buy applications](#)
3. If the Authority requests applicants to complete a supplementary form as part of the process to check eligibility:
 - 3.1 In its answers to the questions above, how has the authority counted applications where the supplementary form is not returned or returned incomplete?
[We do not require a supplementary form to be completed at RTB1 stage so this question is N/A](#)
 - a) denied (and included in the number denied above), or? [See above.](#)
 - b) classified as withdrawn or pending, (no decision and not included in the above)? [See above.](#)
 - c) the authority made a decision from the information available (and included in both admit/deny above)? For clarity, answer is a) if the authority decision is to deny because the applicant has not returned a satisfactory supplementary form? [See above.](#)
 - 3.2 In FY 16/17, for how many Right to Buy applications did the authority decide because the supplementary form was not returned or incomplete? This question is to clarify the answer to question 2 to ensure consistent interpretation between authorities. [See above.](#)
4. In FY 16-17, what was the total cost of penalties for the Authority failing to serve notice within the period specified (Housing Act 1985, S124)? [No notices were](#)

served late during F/Y 2016/2017 thus meaning we incurred no financial penalties

5. What was the total cost of surveys and valuations to the Authority for the RTB in 16/17, and for how many surveys? If the Authority uses an external surveyor, which company? We use an external valuer (the Lee Shaw Partnership) and an external company (Compliance 365) to carry out the EPC Certificates – both of these companies won the contracts by competitive tender – the total spend for F/Y 2016/17 was £50,597.

In the questions below, please supply the following information for FY 16/17, which should be on the same basis as that provided in FY 15/16 and published at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/local-authority-housing-statistics-data-returns-for-2015-to-2016>

1. In FY 16-17, how many RTB applications were received? (Tab B Sales and Transfers, columns F). 548
2. In FY 16-17, how many dwellings were sold through the RTB scheme? (Tab B Sales and Transfers, columns G). 249

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of which	
1 bedroom	23
2 bedrooms	67
3+ bedrooms	159

3. In FY 16-17, what is the total value of dwellings sold through the RTB scheme? (Tab B Sales and Transfers, columns H and I). £10,344,415
4. In FY 16-17, what was the Average weekly rent on an actual basis (Tab H Rent and Rent Arrears, column H (Social Rent))?

No of Bedrooms	Average weekly Rent	No of Properties sold	Average monthly rent
1	£71.51	23	£297.95
2	£80.05	67	£333.54
3+	£90.98	159	£379.08