

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001825
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Affordable Housing

Request:

This is a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Could you please provide me with information relating to:

- a) The amount of money that the council has received as payments in lieu of affordable housing (or so-called 'commuted sums') as part of fulfilling a Section 106 agreement in each of the last five financial years, (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17).
- b) The total amount of receipts from payments in lieu of affordable housing that the council has spent in each of the last five financial years
- c) A summary of the total number of affordable homes built, acquired or brought back into use through spending the receipts from payments in lieu of affordable housing in within the local authority in each of the last five financial years
- d) The total amount of unspent payments in lieu of affordable housing that the council currently has
- e) The total amount unspent, but allocated payments in lieu of affordable housing that the council has, with a summary of the schemes that they have been allocated to

In response to your request, one of the Council's priorities within the Corporate Plan 2016-2019 is to improve the city housing offer; including providing more affordable housing. Through S106 agreements, the preference is to provide the affordable housing on the site where the planning permission has been granted. Where this is not possible, a financial contribution can be provided by the Developer to assist in the delivery of affordable housing within the general location of the development site and the contribution must be spent within agreed timescales

The provision of affordable housing as with other planning obligations, is determined on a case-by-case basis and will take into account matters such as financial viability.

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106 agreement in each of the last five financial years (2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17)

2012-2013 £000	2013-2014 £000	2014-2015 £000	2015-2016 £000	2016-2017 £000	Total £000
-	-	145	429	291	865

In years 2012/13 and 2013/14 there were no payments made as the affordable housing provision was delivered on site.

- b) The total amount of receipts from payments in lieu of affordable housing that the council has spent in each of the last five financial years.
The total is zero in each of last five financial years
- c) A summary of the total number of affordable homes built, acquired or brought back into use through spending the receipts from payments in lieu of affordable housing in within the local authority in each of the last five financial years
None. Previous years S106 agreements have delivered the affordable housing provision on the development site it relates to.
- d) The total amount of unspent payments in lieu of affordable housing that the council currently has
The total of unspent payments is £865,000
- e) The total amount unspent, but allocated payments in lieu of affordable housing that the council has, with a summary of the schemes that they have been allocated to
£500,000 has been allocated to the Council's Tower and Fort Works development scheme.