



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002075
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Community Centres

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- 1) The total amount spent on community centres by your local authority in each year since 2009-10?

2009-2010	£1,086,930
2010-2011	£1,229,267
2011-2012	£1,189,284
2012-2013	£1,226,555
2013-2014	£1,197,605
2014-2015	£597,797
2015-2016	£622,476
2016-2017	£401,455

Please note: The above figures are Gross Controllable Revenue Expenditure only and therefore exclude any income the Council receives for Community Centres.

Since 2014-2015, the accounts for Community Centres have not included the cost of cleaning by the Council's 'in-house' Cleaning Service, utility costs or repairs and maintenance costs. These costs are now held centrally in the Council's accounts and are not separately identified.

Since 2015-2016, the accounts for Community Centres have not included the cost of National Non-Domestic (Business) Rates. These costs are now held centrally in the Council's accounts and are not separately identified.

Since 2016-2017, the accounts for Community Centres have not included the cost of caretakers. These costs are now held centrally in the Council's accounts and are not separately identified.

- 2) The number of community centres managed by your local authority in each year since 2009-10?

2017/18	– 16
2016/17	– 16
2015/16	– 16

2014/15 – 16

Prior to 2014 there were 22 centres, and 6 ceased being managed by the City for a variety of reasons including:

2 closed due to poor condition of the building and low levels of use and savings targets.

2 were transferred to other organisations as there was not a Community Association running the building and low levels of use.

1 was closed as the Community Association resigned.

1 was closed due to no Community Association, low levels of usage and poor condition of the building.

- 3) The number of community centres that have been closed because of cuts to budgets in each year since 2009-10? In the case of each please sight the reason given for a closure? [Please see response in Q2.](#)
- 4) The number of people employed in community centres in each year since 2009-10? [Community Centres are run by volunteers and there are no paid employees in the centres, please send this request direct to the Community Associations as they manage the centres through volunteers.](#)
- 5) The number of community centre jobs that are proposed to be lost within the next year? [Please see response in Q4](#)