

## Response to Request for Information

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### *School and Academy Spending*

#### **Request:**

For the financial year 2016-17, please provide the following information.

1. The total amount charged to schools for the LA's costs of all categories of academy conversion (and the number of conversions).  
11 schools converted to academy status in 2016-17.  
Total amount charged to schools during 2016-2017 was £39,000
2. The estimated total cost of LA officer time and externally-commissioned advisers working on all categories of school conversions to academies.  
In respect of question 2, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, 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".

3. For schools required to convert to sponsored academy status through intervention, the gross total of:
  - a. deficits written off
  - b. surpluses retained

The following table is a summary of the balances of schools that converted to sponsored academy through intervention during 2016-2017:

	<b>Surplus</b> (Transferred to Academy)	<b>Deficit</b> (Transferred to Local Authority General Fund)	<b>Total</b>
	£000	£000	£000
Sponsored	1,328	(300)	1,028

4. The amount of Basic Need funding spent on academies.  
The Basic Need Grant allocated to academies in 2016-2017 financial year was £2.9 million. The schools benefitting from this grant had not converted at the time the works were agreed, as they converted during the year 2016-2017.