

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 031677
Date 14 March 2016

Youth and Community Services

Request:

1. For the financial year 2014/15:
 - a. Overall budget for youth and community services (for young people aged 13-19)
£1,331,880
 - b. Overall reduction in expenditure, to the nearest £'000, (compared to 2013/14) on youth and community services for young people aged 13-19 for:
 - i. LA provided youth services
 - ii. Voluntary sector provided youth services

In respect of question 1 b I and 1 b II, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the categories you are specifically requesting. Consequently, we are unable to provide the 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".

However, we are able to provide you with the total reduction for youth and community service - :£2,192,438.
 - c. Overall planned reduction in the number of directly employed youth workers (Head count/FTE):
 - i. Part time
 - ii. Full time61 FTE Youth workers
 - d. Overall planned reduction in:
 - i. Number of youth centres - 15 youth centres
 - ii. Number of available places for young people – 9 community centre delivery points, 7 School delivery points
 - iii. Outreach provision (hours provided) – 30 hours per week
- 2 For the financial year 2015/16:
 - a. Overall budget for youth and community services (for young people aged

13-19)
£354,965

- b. Overall reduction in expenditure, to the nearest £'000, (compared to 2014/15) on youth and community services for young people aged 13-19 for:
- LA provided youth services
 - Voluntary sector provided youth services

In respect of question 2 b I and 2 b II, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the categories you are specifically requesting. Consequently, we are unable to provide the information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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However, we are able to provide you with the total reduction for youth and community service - £670,951.

- c. Overall planned reduction in the number of directly employed youth workers (Head count/FTE):
- Part time
 - Full time
- 8.5 FTE Youth workers
- d. Overall planned reduction in:
- Number of youth centres - 0 (reductions made in 2014/5)
 - Number of available places for young people - 0 (Reductions made in 2014/5)
 - Outreach provision (hours provided) – 0 (Reductions made in 2014/5)

3 For the Financial year 2016/17 and beyond?

- a. What proposals affecting the provision for young people are included in the 2016/17 budget and Medium Term Financial Plan for 2016/17 and beyond?
Proposals for 16/17 do not directly affect the provision for services under Youth and Community.
- b. Proposed overall reduction in expenditure (nearest £'000) compared with 2015/16 for:
- LA provided youth services
 - Voluntary sector provided youth services
N/A – The budget has received growth in 2016/17 to provide support to Wolverhampton Youth Zone.
- c. Proposed overall reduction in the number of directly employed youth workers (Head count/FTE):

- i. Part Time
- ii. Full Time

Dependant on consultation on current restructure proposals

- d. Proposed overall reduction in:
 - i. Number of youth centres – 0 (Reductions made in 2014/15)
 - ii. Number of available places for young people - 0 (Reductions made in 2014/5)
 - iii. Outreach provision (hours provided) – 0 (Reductions made in 2014/5)

- 4 What is the current balance of expenditure on services for young people aged 13-19 (in £'000s) between local authority and voluntary sector provision?
In respect of question 4, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the categories you are specifically requesting. Consequently, we are unable to provide the 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".

However, we are able to provide you with a figure of £544,195.11. This is the total for youth and community service Please note this excludes transfer's from reserves that will be accounted for at the year end and reduce down the overall expenditure figure quoted above.

- 5 Please state whether directly employed youth workers are employed on JNC, NJC, Scottish Joint Council, or other terms and conditions (please specify):
- a. JNC
 - b. NJC - Terms and conditions for youth workers in new structure will be on NJC
 - c. SJC
 - d. Other (please specify)
 - e. No direct youth provision

- 6 Please supply a copy of the current youth service staffing structure showing the grade and rate of pay, gender and race for each post. Please attach a copy of this separately to your email response and state below whether it is attached or not.

In respect of question 6, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as this service is undergoing a restructure. Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

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description specified in the request".

I can also advise you that the information we do hold with reference to structure charts can be found on our website and therefore quote Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), information accessible by other means, as these are already in the public domain. Please see link supplied below:

<http://portal/corporate/city-people/PublishingImages/Structure%20Charts%20b.pdf>