



Request

I would like to request the following information:

The amount the council has spent in each of the last 10 years on repairing council housing.

I would like to know what work it has spent money on, with a breakdown of how much different pieces of work has cost, e.g. algae damage, asbestos damage.

Response

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.

I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

This would require a significant piece of work between finance and the housing repairs team looking at over 50,000 files per year taking x 1600 hours. This would significantly exceed the 18 hours.

However - we have provided the total costs per year for repairs to Council Housing for the last 6 years as this is the period retained by our finance ledger.

1. 2023/2024

Day to Day Responsive repairs	£16,920,606
Programme repairs	£8,070,884
Void repairs	£6,070,095

2. 2022/2023

Day to Day Responsive repairs	£14,772,311
Programme repairs	£8,162,172
Void repairs	£5,784,814

3. 2021/2022

Day to Day Responsive repairs	£12,977,250
Programme repairs	£8,495,997
Void repairs	£8,991,129

4. 2020/2021

Day to Day Responsive repairs	£8,349,551
Programme repairs	£7,387,700
Void repairs	£6,766,288

5. 2019/2020

Day to Day Responsive repairs	£12,076,491
Programme repairs	£8,003,307
Void repairs	£6,374,106

6. 2018/2019

Day to Day Responsive repairs	£10,564,769
Programme repairs	£9,446,836
Void repairs	£4,728,465