

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Department of the Chief Executive

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Dear Mr Jefferson,

Re: Freedom of Information Request

I am writing regarding your request for information, which was received on 13 October, 2016.

In that request you asked us for information for:

A list of council-run buildings (including Libraries, Day Care Centres, Community Centres, Schools and Administrative bases) which we have had to close since 2010. You also asked us to provide the name of the buildings and the postcodes of the buildings.

You specified that such closures would include those where people have to seek the same type of service from a different location* which already exists (or maybe there is no alternative available). * If there are any scenarios where a service provision is not closed but relocated across the road to another council building you did require information on that.

You required the list to include buildings closed and disposed plus buildings that are re-let following service closures.

You were only interested however in the buildings in which you provided a service that you were forced to close due to Government cuts to your budget making it no longer financially viable for you to keep such buildings open.

I can confirm that the search for the information you requested has been completed and , although we have closed a number of buildings to rationalise our estate, **we have not closed any which we would classify as having been forced to close due to Government cuts** (as you have defined .

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to request a review of our response, you should write to the Group Manager – Policy, Engagement and Communication, Corporate Services Department, PO Box 6, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ER.

If you are not content with the outcome of your review, you can make a complaint under the Council's complaints process by writing to Corporate Complaints Officer, Corporate Services Department, PO Box 6, Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS2 6ER.

You can also apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision although generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Council's complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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