

Dear Mr Jefferson

Request for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 or Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004

We refer to your request for information on 19 October 2016. You requested information on Council building closures since 2010.

Officers from the Corporate Property Assessment Management team and from Care and Learning have confirmed as a matter of course, the Council continuously seeks opportunities to use its property estate more efficiently and effectively and to ensure that it is aligned with BAU service delivery/structure changes. By rationalising the portfolio to meet the above needs, the Council (Under Best Value/Continual Improvement) seeks to reduce its costs of owning/occupying property. We are not aware of any building closure that the teams have been involved with that is as a result of it being "no longer financially viable for you to keep such buildings open".

Under Section 20 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and/or Regulation 16 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs), you have the right to request that the Highland Council reviews any aspect of how it has dealt with your request. This requirement for review should be put in writing to the Freedom of Information Officer, Chief Executive's Office, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness IV3 5NX, within 40 working days of receipt of this letter. The request should include details of the information requested and the aspects of the Highland Council's response which you are not satisfied with.

If you are subsequently dissatisfied with the outcome of the Council's review, you have the right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner under Regulation 17 of the EIRS, within six months of receiving the Council's review response.

Yours sincerely

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