



Freedom of Information Act Request

Social Services & Leisure, Children & Schools and Development Directorates

Response date: 1 December 2016

Request:

Request for information regarding closure of Council-run buildings:-

Please kindly provide a list of council-run buildings (including Libraries, Day Care Centres, Community Centres, Schools and Administrative bases) which your Council has had to close since 2010. Please provide the name of the buildings and the postcodes of the buildings.

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 I don't require information on that.

I require the list to include buildings closed and disposed plus buildings that are re-let following service closures. If there is a scenario where the building is closed but still under council ownership then please include that in the list.

The primary reason I require this information is to get a picture of the effect of any Government cuts to council budgets which in turn is forcing councils to find ways to make savings. If you can't be sure of the reason for closure then kindly provide the information anyway and indicate what is known about the reason for closure (if known).

Clarification of request

If you can't be sure of the reason for closure or the reason for closure is something other than Government cuts I'd be grateful if you would list the buildings anyway and provide whatever is reasonably known about the closure. Indeed some councils appear to have interpreted my request in their own way but I'm happy with their information.

Response:

Information from Leisure Services:

The Narberth Swimming Pool was transferred over to Swim Narberth a charitable entity on September 1st 2015. The pool is still open to the public, School swimming is undertaken and The Free Swimming Scheme still operates from that pool.

Information from Cultural Services:

As far as we are aware, in line with the request as stated (i.e. due to Government cuts), no Cultural Services sites (Archives /Museums / Libraries) have closed since 2010.

Information from Education:

1. Hayscastle CP School, Hayscastle Cross, Haverfordwest, SA62 5QA. School closed 31.8.10. Pupils dispersed to other neighbouring schools.
2. Burton VC School, Houghton, Milford Haven, SA73 1NN. School closed 31.8.10. Pupils transferred to new Cleddau Reach VC School in Llangwm
3. Mathry VC School, Mathry, Haverfordwest, SA62 5HA. School closed 31.12.10. Pupils transferred to new Geryllan VC School in Letterston
4. Tenby VC Infants School, Heywood Lane, Tenby, SA70 8BN. School closed 31.8.16. Pupils transferred to new English medium 3-11 school in Tenby, or new Welsh medium 3-11 school in Tenby
5. Tenby Junior CP School, Heywood Lane, Tenby, SA70 8BN. School closed 31.8.16. Pupils transferred to new English medium 3-11 school in Tenby, or new Welsh medium 3-11 school in Tenby

1-3 were "small" school which could be argued were closed due to funding pressures

4-5 were transformational projects which addressed separate infant and junior provision and the introduction of new Welsh medium provision.