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Please ask for: Alison McCallum
Date: 20 October 2016

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information, which we received on 12 October 2016. Our response is given below.

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.

I'm 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.

The reason why 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.

I can confirm that there have been no disposals / closures of Council property due to cuts in government finances.

I hope this information is of interest and assistance. If however you are dissatisfied with the response you have received and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled you should write to the following address or reply to the email to which this letter is attached:

Corporate Information Governance Manager
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Your request for an internal review should be submitted to us within 40 days of receipt by you of this response. Any requests received after this time will be considered at the discretion of the Corporate Information Governance Manager.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO will not make a decision until you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate). Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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