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Dear Requester
Freedom of Information

Your Reference: request-364941-a62fa1f7
Reference no. 101005281184

I refer to your request for information dated 14/10/2016.

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.

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 are forcing councils to find ways to make savings.

West Lothian Council has been implementing a ten year office rationalisation strategy since 2009 to ensure that property assets are used both effectively and efficiently in the delivery of council services. No services have stopped as a result, but successfully co-locating services in models such as partnership centres has allowed us to reduce our number of offices from 32 in 2009 down to 13 in 2016.

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