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Mr Lee Jefferson

8th November 2016

Dear Mr Jefferson,

Re: Request for information
Our Ref: 2016-77

I refer to your request dated 28th September 2016, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request was for:

Please kindly provide a list of the public service buildings (such as Libraries and Day Care Centres) your Council has had to close since 2010. Please provide the name of the buildings and the postcodes of the buildings.

I'm keen to find out how many council-run buildings (such as Libraries and Day Care Centres) have been closed where people would have to seek another Library or Day Care Centre (ie to seek the same type of service from a different location which already exists). 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.

We have now completed a search for the information which you requested and I confirm the Authority holds information relevant to the request.

Please find below a list of the buildings (such as Libraries, Day Care Centres and Administrative bases) and along with post codes where held that have closed since 2010 and where possible where we moved the service to:

Location	Service	Closure Date	Service Moved to
Harwood House – RH13 5PR	Social Care (Day Centre / Admin)	Closed 5/9/11	Admin to Parkside Horsham – RH12 1XH
Mulberry House	Social Care	Closed 6/10/11	Parkside Horsham – RH12 1XH
6 Southey Road	Social Care	Closed 8/12/11	Centenary House, Worthing – BN13 2QB

Cedar House 51 Chesswood Road – BN11 2AA	Social Care (Family Centre / Admin)	Closed 25/1/11 - Rationalisation of Admin	Admin to Centenary House, Worthing – BN13 2QB Family Centre to other Family centres across Worthing
72/74 Wick St L'hampton – BN17 7JS	Social Care	Closed Prior To 1/4/11 – Efficiency Savings	Centenary House, Worthing – BN13 2QB
Westway – BN17 7NA	Social Care / Children & Family Centre	Closed Aug 2010	Centenary House, Worthing – BN13 2QB / Wickbourne Centre – BN17 7DZ
* PO19	Corporate offices	Scheduled 2013/14	County Hall – PO19 1RQ
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23 Orchard Street – PO19 1DD	Corporate offices	Closed 24 Sept 12	County Hall – PO19 1RQ
County Buildings L'ton – BN17 6AR	Social Care	Closed 18 Sept 12	Centenary House, Worthing – BN13 2QB
18 Liverpool Gardens – BN11 1RY	Social Care	Closed Dec 2011- Lease Expired	Centenary House, Worthing – BN13 2QB
44/48 High Street – BN17 5ED	Social Care	Closed June 2011- Lease Expired	Centenary House, Worthing – BN13 2QB
Regent House – RH10 1LN	Social Care	Closed Sept 2011- Lease Expired	Parkside Horsham – RH12 1XH
Greyfriars – PO19 1NB	Corporate offices	Closed Aug 2011- Lease Expired	County Hall – PO19 1RQ
76/77 East Street – PO19 1HL	Social Care	Closed 11/10/12 - Lease Expired	County Hall – PO19 1RQ
East Row – PO19 1PD	Corporate offices	Scheduled 23/06/16 – Lease Expired	County Hall – PO19 1RQ
12a Riverside – BN43 6RE	Corporate offices	Closed Nov 2011- Lease Expired	County Hall – PO19 1RQ
Enterprise House – RH13 5PX	Social Care	Closed 2010 – Lease Expired	Parkside Horsham – RH12 1XH
City Business – RH13 5BB Centre	Social Care	Closed 2010 – Lease Expired	Parkside Horsham – RH12 1XH
The Brooks Day Centre – RH20 1FG	Social Care	Closed 5/9/11	No re-provision

The Grange Day Centre – GU29 9HD	Social Care	Surrendered 04/9/12	No re-provision
Centenary House Crawley – RH10 1UN	Social Care	Closed 1/9/10	Crawley Library – RH10 6HG
NE Professional Centre Crawley – RH10	Learning Service	Closed 1/9/11	Crawley Library – RH10 6HG
Mid Sussex Professional Centre Horsham – RH13	Learning Service	Closed 2/9/10	Parkside Horsham – RH12 1XH
Midhurst Youth Centre – GU29 9EA	Youth Services	Closed 10/5/12	Whiphill Stables – GU29 9EA
Talbot House – RH12 1HL	Admin Buildings	Closed 2010 – Rationalisation of Admin	Parkside Horsham –RH12 1XH
Fernleigh Youth Centre – PO19 1LX	Youth Centre / Offices	Closed 2010	Offices to County Hall – PO19 1RQ
Findon Fire Station – BN14 0TG	Fire Service	Closed 2011 for savings	Services provided by alternative fire stations
Keymer Fire Station – BN6 8LX	Fire Service	Closed 2011for savings	Services provided by alternative fire stations
Bosham Fire Station – PO18 8HH	Fire Service	Closed 2011 closed for savings	Services provided by alternative fire stations
Court Meadow – RH17 5HN	Special Needs School	Closed 2012 – Relocated	New school at Woodlands Mead – RH15 9YQ
Laburnum Lodge Children & Family Centre – PO19 7DL	Social Services	Closed 2014	Chichester Nursery – PO19 7HA

* The Authority declines to disclose the names and addresses of 3 buildings currently vacant having applied the exemption in section 44(1) – disclosure is prohibited by or under any law.

Under the Local Government Transparency Code 2014 there is statutory prohibition which requires the authority not to disclose the information you seek in full; “vacant (for vacant properties, local authorities should not publish the full address details and should only publish the first part of the postcode)”.

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The Information Commissioner's Office,
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Yours sincerely,

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