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Dear Mr Jefferson

Freedom of Information Request

Further to your request received on 27 September 2016, please see Central Bedfordshire Council's response to your questions below:

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.

The public service buildings closed by the Council in the past 6 years is as follows:

Barton Youth Centre Sharpenhoe Road, Barton-le-Clay	Closed due to change in provision and need
Linslade Youth Centre Wing Road, Leighton Buzzard	Closed due to change in provision and need
Riverside Centre Bridge Road, Leighton Buzzard	Closed as did not comply with fire regulations
Caddington Hall, Markyate	Closed as not fit for purpose and no longer met Customer Expectations or CQC standards
Downing View Dunstable	Closed because the residents there moved to new homes that offered them a better quality of accommodation
Steppingstones Care home Dunstable	Closed because the residents there moved to new homes that offered them a better quality of accommodation
Shefford Lower School Shefford	Closed due to change in provision and need
Heathfield School Caddington.	Closed due to change in provision and need
Brewers Hill Middle School Aldbanks, Dunstable	Closed due to change in provision and need

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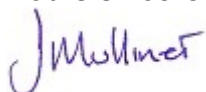
With the introduction of academies some schools have closed but this is due to academisation clusters and with that the schools building programme.

Youth Centre closure was part of a programme change and how we engage with young people and the assessment of buildings being fit for purpose. A driver for this change is linked to efficiencies and reallocation of funding towards targeted need.

The Riverside Centre was used by Adult & Community Learning – as offices and for classes. 5 years ago it was found that the building did not comply with Fire Regulations and CBC did not have the budget to make the building compliant. The staff who worked in the building were relocated to Kingsland, Houghton Regis and the classes which were run there were relocated to varying venues – one of which was the library which was already being used for classes.

Please treat this as a formal response under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (please see below for our review procedures if required).

Yours sincerely,



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