

Reference: RFI 1610034

Request:

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.

In order to assist the request here is the relevant information from other councils. Please note however I require the postcode besides the name of the buildings if possible:

Example 1 Lancashire Council (pdf file) http://freepdfhosting.com/4f28e56539.pdf

Example 2 Lincolnshire Council (excel file) https://d.pr/14FZr

Example 3 Oxfordshire Council (pdf file) http://freepdfhosting.com/fded63aff2.pdf

Example 4 Herefordshire Council (pdf file) http://freepdfhosting.com/17818cf345.pdf

Example 5 Suffolk Council (excel file) https://d.pr/117FU

Example 6 Milton Keynes Council (pdf file) http://freepdfhosting.com/6c6384a655.pdf

Example 7 Dorset Council (excel file) https://d.pr/1dQAS

Response:

The following buildings have closed since 2010.

Meadway House, Meadway Drive, Forest Hall NE12 9RE. Former residential care home closed as other more suitable provision was available within the independent sector. Sold 30th March 2010.

Annitsford House, Annitsford, NE23 7RN. Former residential care home closed as other more suitable provision was available within the independent sector. Sold 6th November 2012.

Dorset House, Station Road, Wallsend, NE28 8EN. Former residential care home closed as other more suitable provision was available within the independent sector. Sold 13th March 2014.

22-23 Wilson Terrace, Forest Hall, NE12 7JP. Former residential unit for young adults with learning difficulties closed as the Council moved towards an independent living model. Sold 27th March 2013.

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Killingworth Nursery – this provision was passed over to Bailey Green Primary to operate as a self financing enterprise opportunity for the school. The council has ceased to operate nursery provision from this location. Closed – 31st August 2015

Wideopen Childcare (within the grounds of Greenfields Primary). The council ceased to operate Nursery provision from this location. The school took over the provision for +2 year olds, on a term time only basis. All other users were redirected to other private sector providers. – Closed 31st August 2015.

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