

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – disability-friendly housing

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

### You asked:

**In response to the questions below marked with a [\*], please include figures for both publicly and privately funded/owned properties if possible, and specify which you are providing if both figures are not available.**

- 1. \*How many Section 106<sup>1</sup> agreements have you entered into over the past three years?**

For 01/06/11 – 31/05/14 our records show 172 Section 106 agreements

- a. How many of those agreements required the construction of (i) wheelchair accessible homes<sup>2</sup> and/or (ii) Lifetime Homes Standard<sup>3</sup> in each of the last three years?**

In terms of Affordable Housing & 1a, we do not have this precise information. We monitor the supply of new wheelchair accessible homes for Affordable Housing but do not monitor how many of these were secured via S106 agreements. We do not monitor the supply of LTH Affordable Housing. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because in accordance with section 1.1. of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

In terms of the number of new wheelchair accessible Affordable Housing dwellings completed in the past 3 years, please see below:

	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed	6 bed	Total
01.04.11 – 31.03.12	5	3	6	1	0	0	15
01.04.12 – 31.03.13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
01.04.13 – 31.03.14	1	0	5	1	0	0	7

- b. How many of these agreements were (i) fulfilled in full, or (ii) amended to allow for a cash payment in lieu of building obligations?**

<sup>1</sup> s.106 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990.

<sup>2</sup> For details of **wheelchair accessible housing** guidelines, please see: [http://www.habinteg.org.uk/mediaFiles/downloads/77493040/bpg\\_wheelchair\\_acc\\_housing\\_pdf.pdf](http://www.habinteg.org.uk/mediaFiles/downloads/77493040/bpg_wheelchair_acc_housing_pdf.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> For details of **Lifetime Homes Standards** guidelines, please see: <http://www.lifetimehomes.org.uk/>

Whilst we monitor both the delivery of planning-gain Affordable Housing secured via S106 agreements and the delivery of all agreed Affordable housing to wheelchair standard, the monitoring does not include any breakdown/analysis to enable us to answer this question.

2. **Do you offer any discount to the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) for properties built to Lifetime Homes Standards, or wheelchair accessible standards?**

We do not currently operate CIL. We are currently consulting on this, but our draft CIL proposals do not include for such a discount.

3. **How much Disability Facilities Grant (DFG) money has been awarded to households in your local authority area in each of the past three years?**

a. **What proportion of overall DFG funding provided to the local authority from the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG)/the Department of Health (DH) does that relate to for each of those years?**

Year	Total spent on DFGs	Govt. Allocation	Proportion of DFG spend that is the Govt. Allocation
2011-12	£1,559,463	£843,000	54.1%
2012-13	£1,587,310	£919,400	57.9%
2013-14	£1,572,509	£847,717	53.9%

Note:

We also spend some £1.25m pa on adaptations to our council housing stock outside of the disabled facilities grant process

4. **How much, if any of your Better Care Fund budget has been allocated to housing over each of the next two years?**

No proportion of the Better Care Fund has been allocated to Housing.

5. **Have you made any estimate regarding the additional cost of social care or health support required as a result of inadequate/inaccessible housing in your local authority area?**

No

- a. **If so, please provide those estimates.**

n/a

**6. What proportion of staff currently employed in your Housing Department have received disability equality training?**

26.5% of housing employees have received disability equality training

**7. Do you have a housing representative on your Health and Wellbeing Board? If yes, please provide their name and contact details.**

The Housing Representative is Mr Andy Keeling, Chief Operating Officer, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester LE1 1FZ

**8. How many supported living placements are there in your local authority area? Of these, how many are currently (a) occupied? (b) vacant?**

As at 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014

<b>Leicester Adult Social Care supply of schemes/projects</b>	
Number of Supported Living Schemes	48
Number of Units	327
Number Occupied	317
Total of those with eligible needs	<b>314*</b>
Number of Voids	10
<i>* excludes 13 units for general need i.e. Walsey (age related)</i>	

<b>Leicester Adult Social Care supply of schemes/projects</b>	
<b>Breakdown of schemes by primary need</b>	
Learning Disability	32
Older People	2
Mental Health	8
Mixed	2
Profound/multiple	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>48</b>

<b>Other supply base (ie RSLs and individual tenancies)</b>	
<b>Breakdown of individuals by primary need</b>	
Learning Disability	32
Physical Disability	11
Mental Health	5
Dementia	1
Visual Impairment	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>

**9. How many adults with eligible care needs in your area live in supported living schemes?**

Combined total is 364 people with eligible needs.  
There are further developments in the pipeline of new builds and refurbishments  
These figures are as at 20<sup>th</sup> June 2014

**10. How many Home Improvement Agencies, if any, operate in your local authority area?**

Until March 2014 we had one external Home Improvement Agency working in the area. However that contract ended and the council has been going through a consultation exercise to determine how best to meet needs going forward. Currently we have no external Home Improvement Agency working in the area.

However, for some 20 years we have had an in-house agency service providing support on grant funded schemes and we also have a subsidised handyperson service. Both those services continue to be available.

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