

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Planning

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

You asked:

1. What is the status of your local plan or core strategy e.g. has it been published or adopted?

The local plan was adopted in January 2006 and the core strategy in November 2010. Parts of the local plan were saved when the core strategy was adopted.

2. How many full time development planners, conservation officers and heritage officers did you employ in 2008?

If by development planners you mean planners engaged in forward planning, such as preparation of the core strategy, there were 9. There were 2 conservation officers, 1 heritage officer, a planner working on conservation and an archaeologist. (Team leaders are not included in these figures).

3. How many do you employ now?

There are 7 development planners, 2 conservation officers and an archaeologist. (As above this excludes team leaders).

4. Are there any plans to change this number in the next two years

There are no plans agreed at this time.

5. What was your planning department's budget in 2008

£3,368,400 gross (excluding central recharges), £1,798,700 net (including Housing & Planning Delivery Grant £215,200).

6. What is your planning department's budget now?

£2,550,600 gross (excluding central recharges), £1,493,300 net.

7. Do you expect your planning department's budget to rise or fall in the next two years?

The expectation is that it will fall.

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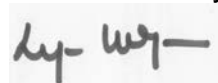
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Yours sincerely



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