

LIFE OPPORTUNITIES – 13/33

REQUEST

1. Number of properties in your housing stock?
2. Number of leaseholders (not freeholders)?
3. How much is your management fee?
4. Is the fee the same for each leaseholder?
5. How often is the fee reviewed?
6. Which and how many staff/officers are included in the calculation of your fee? E.g. Surveyors, finance staff, customer service staff, housing staff etc.
7. Are there particular stationery costs included in the calculation of your fee? E.g. Envelopes, paper, postage costs, newsletters etc.
8. Are there any other items included in the calculation of the management fee?
9. Do you add an administration fee or percentage onto specific service charge categories such as utilities, cleaning/caretaking etc?
10. Name of person submitting this information.
11. May we contact you for more information more information?

RESPONSE

- a) The Council currently owns 3213 properties broken down as follows:
 - 1 bedroom properties – 1198
 - 2 bedroom properties – 1057
 - 3 bedroom properties – 956
 - 4 bedroom properties - 12
- b) The Council does not have a record of the nationality of all its tenants and many tenancies were granted before any form of ethnic monitoring took place.
- c) The Council does not ask applicants to give their nationality only their ethnic origin.
- d) Again, the Council does not record nationality of applicants or tenants and only records ethnic origin
- e) The number of properties occupied by asylum seekers is 0.
- f) The number of households registered for housing as at 31st July is 2007
- g) There is a shortage of all types of property but the highest demand is for one bedroom and four bedroom properties.
- h) Yes. As at 31st July, out of the 2007 households on the housing register, 1777 considered themselves to be British. 6 are Irish and 31 are from another background (most likely Eastern European workers). 139 households did not state any ethnic origin and the remaining 57 households were of other ethnic origin.