

**164/14**

**REQUEST**

I wondered if you might be able to help with the following request.

For each of the following financial years a) 2011/12 (b) 2012/13 (c) 2013/14 (d) 2014/15, could you please provide the following information (where applicable):

- 1) The amount of money given to you in Discretionary Housing Payments?
- 2) The amount of money given to you in Discretionary Housing Payments for specific expenditure on ameliorating the impact of the new social size criteria/underoccupancy penalty?
- 3) The amount of money allocated for expenditure on Discretionary Housing Payments in each Council Budget?
- 4) The amount of money allocated for expenditure on Discretionary Housing Payments in each Council to ameliorate the impact of the new social size criteria/underoccupancy penalty?
- 5) The amount of money spent on Discretionary Housing Payments?
- 6) The amount of money spent on Discretionary Housing Payments specifically to ameliorate the impact of the new social size criteria/underoccupancy penalty?

**RESPONSE**

Further to your Freedom of Information request, we can respond as follows:

For each of the following financial years a) 2011/12 (b) 2012/13 (c) 2013/14 (d) 2014/15, could you please provide the following information (where applicable):

- 1) The amount of money given to you in Discretionary Housing Payments
  1. 2011/12 £69496.00
  2. 2012/13 £186779.00 \*\* this included the underspend from 2011/12 that LA's were allowed to carry forward
  3. 2013/14 £401660.00
  4. 2014/15 £349477.00
- 2) The amount of money given to you in Discretionary Housing Payments for specific expenditure on ameliorating the impact of the new social size criteria/underoccupancy penalty?

The LA was not given a specific figure to allocate purely for the SSSC.
- 3) The amount of money allocated for expenditure on Discretionary Housing Payments in each Council Budget?

As we have never overspent on DHP's then there has never been a Council allocated budget.
- 4) The amount of money allocated for expenditure on Discretionary Housing Payments in each Council to ameliorate the impact of the new social size criteria/underoccupancy penalty?

See 3 above
- 5) The amount of money spent on Discretionary Housing Payments?
  1. 2011/12 £50831.42
  2. 2012/13 £171704.67
  3. 2013/14 £363604.09 ( not yet closed the fund – outstanding work to do.)

4. 2014/15 N/A

- 6) The amount of money spent on Discretionary Housing Payments specifically to ameliorate the impact of the new social size criteria/underoccupancy penalty?

We have not extracted the final figures for this.