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REQUEST

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information:

a) What has Tendring District Council spent on archives; arts development and support; heritage; museums and galleries; theatres and public entertainment; and library services in the years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13?

b) What grants or financial support has Tendring District Council given to arts institutions within council boundaries in 2010/11, 2011/12, and 2012/13? Please give detail of how much to which institutions.

c) What are Tendring District Council's plans for funding archives; arts development and support; heritage; museums and galleries; theatres and public entertainment; and library services in the years 2013/14 and 2014/15?

I use these categorisations of cultural services in the sense that they are used under 'Culture and Related Services' in the annual Department of Communities and Local Government revenue outturn reports.

RESPONSE

I write in response to your Freedom of Information request as follows:

a) What has Tendring District Council spent on archives; arts development and support; heritage; museums and galleries; theatres and public entertainment; and library services in the years 2010/11, 2011/12 and 2012/13?

2010/11: £302,728

2011/12: £236,165

2012/13: £181,493

This amount has diminished by operating the Princes Theatre on a more commercial basis. As such, although the service has expanded and improved, the cost of running it has decreased.

b) What grants or financial support has Tendring District Council given to arts institutions within council boundaries in 2010/11, 2011/12, and 2012/13? Please give detail of how much to which institutions.

Tendring District Council has not provided grants to art institutions within the financial years listed.

c) What are Tendring District Council's plans for funding archives; arts development and support; heritage; museums and galleries; theatres and public entertainment; and library services in the years 2013/14 and 2014/15?

There are currently no plans to change funding provision for these services. A 'Big Society' grant application process is available for local organisations to bid for funding.