

FOI 382/2015

REQUEST

Please advise on your progress in providing replacement properties with funds from right to buy sales since the new rules applied in April 2012.

How many homes have been sold under the right to buy, by your Council, and how many replacement homes have been provided with those funds in:

1. 2012/13.
2. 2013/14.
3. 2014/15.
4. Since April 2015.

Please also advise how many more replacement properties are currently planned with funds earmarked from RTB sales.

Finally please indicate if you anticipate that you will be obliged to send any funds to central Government due to being unable to commit to providing the required level of replacement housing and if so how much money you will be sending as a result.

RESPONSE

We state the number of right to buy sales every year in the statement of accounts - I have included the relevant links below:

2012/13 -

<http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/council/finance/Statement%20of%20Accounts%202012-13%20Audited.pdf>

2013/14 -

<http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/council/finance/Statement%20of%20Accounts%202013-14%20Audited.pdf>

2014/15 -

<http://www.tendringdc.gov.uk/sites/default/files/documents/council/finance/Statement%20of%20Accounts%202014-15%20Subject%20to%20Audit.pdf>

Please note that 2014/15 is still subject to audit.

The relevant information about right to buy sales is listed under note 2 of the HRA section - this can be found by clicking on the bookmark on the left hand side and selecting 'NOTES TO THE HRA INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT AND MOVEMENT ON THE HRA BALANCES'.

In 2015/16 to date we have had 1 sale under the legislation.

Note 6 of the linked accounts above deals with Capital Receipts we have had from Right to Buy Sales and shows that we have not used any receipts for the purposes of building or acquiring new homes.

I can confirm that we do not plan to use capital receipts from Right to Buy sales for the purposes of building new houses at present.

I can finally confirm that we do not have to return any money to the DCLG for not making 1-4-1 replacement sales, as we have not exceeded in any one quarter the threshold of capital receipts that the DCLG uses to mandate the Council to build or acquire 1-4-1 replacement properties with the excess receipts.

We do not at present anticipate being in the position where we have to return funds to the DCLG.

I hope this information is of assistance to you. However, if you feel that the Council have failed to deal with your request for information correctly, you can request that the matter is reviewed in accordance with the Authority's Complaints Procedure. Details of this procedure can be obtained from all Council offices or our website (www.tendringdc.gov.uk).