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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 22/23-155 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am requesting the following information regarding Discretionary Housing Payments (DHPs):

1. How many applications for DHPs did the council receive in 2020/21?
2. How many of the applications in question 1 did the council approve? (i.e. the council decided to award DHP in response to the application, either in full or in part)
3. How many of the applications in question 2 were awarded in full? (i.e. the council decided to award the full amount applied for in the DHP application)
4. How many of the applications in question 1 did the council refuse? (i.e. the council decided not to award any DHP in response to the application)
5. How many applications for DHPs did the council receive in 2021/22?
6. How many of the applications in question 5 did the council approve? (i.e. the council decided to award DHP in response to the application, either in full or in part)
7. How many of the applications in question 6 were awarded in full? (i.e. the council decided to award the full amount applied for in the DHP application)
8. How many of the applications in question 5 did the council refuse? (i.e. the council decided not to award any DHP in response to the application)
9. Please provide any data the council holds on reasons for DHPs being refused in 2020/21 and 2021/22
10. What was the average amount of DHP awarded in response to successful DHP applications in 2020/21? This is the amount awarded for each application, not to each household (i.e. three successive awards to one household count as three separate awards). Successful applications in this question are those that were awarded any money
11. What was the average amount of DHP awarded in response to successful DHP applications in 2021/22? (See notes accompanying question 10)

Please note that these questions treat each application for DHPs separately – regardless of whether more than one such application was made by the same household in a financial year, or whether they were made to renew previous awards.

For example, if in 2020/21 one household applied for DHP and was awarded it in full for a fixed period, and then applied again and was awarded it in full again, then applied a third time and was awarded 50 percent of the requested amount, and then applied a fourth time and was refused with no money awarded – then in relation to this household:

- the question 1 figure is four (four separate applications)
- the question 2 figure is three (three applications were awarded in full or in part)
- the question 3 figure is two (two applications were awarded in full)
- the question 4 figure is one (one application refused with no award)

I wish to emphasise that if a council did not award any money to a DHP applicant but signposted the applicant elsewhere or provided support outside DHPs, this counts as a 'refusal' for the purposes of questions 4 and 8.

If the figures for questions 3, 7, 10 and/or 11 cannot be provided within the section 12 cost limit, please mark these questions as 'information not held'. This is not asking the council to provide all the information

it can up to the section 12 cost limit (if I was asking that, I would ask it).

Please email me the information, using the attached Excel spreadsheet for questions 1-8 and 10-11.

Response:

Please see attached spreadsheet

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 22/23-155

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.