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From: FOI Responses
Sent: 09 May 2024 15:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] Response

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 16 April 2024, for information about affordable housing contribution usage.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request:

- I would like to know how much money the council has collected in affordable housing contributions under section 106 or community infrastructure levies in the years: 2023,2022,2021,2020.
- I would like to know for the same years how much of the money was spent.
- I would also like a list of the projects that the money was spent on.

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case all the information for the reporting years 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 is available at: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/planning/studies-and-monitoring-archive> under the heading ' Doncaster Infrastructure Funding Statement (and Previously Section 106 Annual Monitoring Report)'
For reporting year 2022-2023, this can be found by accessing the Section 106 annual reports at: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/planning/monitoring-and-implementation>

With regard to the year 2023, this information is from the financial year 2023-2024 and is exempt from disclosure under Section 22 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 22 exempts information from the right of access under the Freedom of Information Act if it is information intended for future publication.

The information you have requested for the year 2023 (part of reporting year 2023-2024) will be published as soon as possible, before 31 December 2024 at: <https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/planning/monitoring-and-implementation>

As Section 22 is a qualified exemption, City of Doncaster Council is obliged to consider whether disclosure of the information would be in the public interest before refusing to supply the information. Therefore, City of Doncaster Council has taken the following factors into account:

Factors for disclosing information:

- >City of Doncaster Council wishes to operate in an open and transparent way.
- >The information will be of interest to members of the public.

Factors for withholding information:

- >It is unfair to provide individual members of the public with access to the information prior to it being available to all.
- >Disclosure of partial or incomplete information may be detrimental and may not provide accurate details.
- >There is a planned programme of publication for this information. The Council considers that it is reasonable to wait until the planned disclosure dates.

Taking these factors into consideration, the City of Doncaster Council has decided that the reasons for withholding the information outweigh those for disclosing it and we will not be providing the information at this time.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. www.ico.org.uk
Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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