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Subject: FOI Request - [REDACTED]
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 6 February 2024, for information about public libraries.

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

Request:

"Specifically, under the FOI legislation, I request a list of all public libraries run by your council between 2005 and 2022. Additionally, could you please provide information on dates of opening and closure (with at least year-month precision) if they started or ceased operation over that period. Lastly, could you please provide information on opening and closing hours of the library in that given year?"

That means the final dataset would have the following columns:

Name of the library, address, date of opening, date of closing, opening hours in year 2005, opening hours in year 2006, ... , opening hours in year 2022.

If collecting daily opening hours is not possible, annual opening hours are sufficient, too."

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 the information is available at: <https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/supporting-arts-museums-and-libraries/supporting-libraries>

Please note, the information is held from 2010 – 2022. City of Doncaster Council does not retain records prior to this timeframe. However the information may be available on request from Libraries Connected or Arts Council England therefore you could try directing your request to these organisations.

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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