



Response to Request for Information

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Disposal by the Council of Land and Property

Request:

I would like to request information under FOIA about the direct disposal by the council of land and property interests where the purchaser is an overseas company.

By 'overseas company' I mean anybody corporate either legally incorporated in a foreign country or registered to or providing an address in a foreign country.

I would be especially interested in this information in respect of the three calendar years from January 2012 up until the date my request was lodged. However, I will be grateful for the requested information in respect of a narrower time frame if this would help to make release of the information more manageable for you within cost/time restrictions.

- 1) Please can you advise me how and where information is stored about the purchasers of council interests in land and buildings, in particular the names of any IT databases or paper-based filing systems used and how they can be filtered or searched to reveal direct disposals to an overseas company?
- 2) Please can you tell me how many land and property interests have been directly disposed of to an overseas company?
- 3) Please can you provide me with brief details of each disposal, in particular the date of disposal and address of the land/building, a link to the council report, or some other piece of information I can use to look this up myself?

Response:

In response to your request, we can confirm that the Council stores information about the purchasers of council interests in land and buildings on our Strategic Asset Management (SAM) and GIS. However, in response to question 2 and 3, following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.

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Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".