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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about Social Housing, which the Council received on 31st December 2012. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested the following information;

1 - How many a) new social housing (to include housing association and local authority run) tenants were there in i) 2007-8 and ii) 2011-12

Coventry City Council transferred all of its domestic Housing Stock in 2000 after this date the Council did not have any social housing tenants.

In September 2007 Coventry Homefinder was launched. Coventry Homefinder is a partnership between the City Council and the Registered Housing Providers (formerly Housing Associations) in the city. The Providers have agreed that they will let all their properties that become vacant and are for general letting through the Homefinder system. The figures below for 2007/08 are therefore only representative of a 6 month period.

In 2007/08 (1st September 2007 to 31st March 2008) there were 951 Households housed in social housing tenancies through Coventry Homefinder. 261 of which were previously social housing tenants therefore 690 of these became new Social Housing tenants

In 2011/12 there were 2222 households housed in social housing tenancies through Coventry Homefinder. 702 of which were previously social housing tenants, therefore 1520 became new social housing tenants

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2 - How many b) existing social housing tenants were there in i) 2007-08 and ii) 2011-12 –

It has been established that the Council does not hold the above information. Thus, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required per Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, which 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".

Coventry City Council does not hold this information as not all existing social housing tenants are registered on Coventry Homefinder. Many people would have achieved their tenancies direct with the Housing Associations before the introduction of Coventry Homefinder in September 2007

3 - Please include a breakdown by nationality of tenant of the above figures (for questions 1 and 2).

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The Council does not collect the data requested.

4 - Please also state - if possible within FOI cost limits - how many tenants of each nationality had been in the country for a) less than one month b) less than three months c) less than six months d) less than one year before being given social housing.

It has been established that the Council does not hold the above information. Thus, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required per Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, which states:

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5 - Please also state - if possible within FOI cost limits - how many British people a) were on waiting lists for social housing in 2007-08 and b) were on waiting lists for social housing in 2011-12.

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The Council does not collect the data requested. The Council does not differentiate between those with British nationality and those from other countries who have rights to reside in this country. People who are ineligible for housing, due to them being subject to immigration control or not habitually resident would not be permitted to gain access to social housing through Coventry Homefinder.

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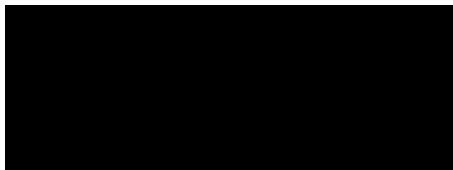
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Yours sincerely



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