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## Your request for information

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10601635

### Date received

30th September 2021

### Status

Internal review closed

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### Request subject

Affordable Housing

### Details of your request

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### Response to your request

Our response sent 28th October 2021 is:

#### **Housing Register**

1. The total number of households on the Council's Housing Register at 1st April 2021.

1347

2. The total number of households on the Council's Housing Register at 1st April 2021 specifying the a) Castle Ward, b) Ferring Ward, c) Northbrook Ward d) Goring Ward as their preferred choice of location.

The Council's housing register is not broken down into wards and therefore the information is not held

3. The average number of bids per property in a) Castle Ward, b) Ferring Ward, c) Northbrook Ward d) Goring Ward over the 2020/21 monitoring period for the following types of affordable property:

- a. A shared accommodation affordable dwelling;
- b. 1-bed affordable dwelling;
- c. 2-bed affordable dwelling;
- d. 3-bed affordable dwelling;
- e. 4-bed affordable dwelling; and
- f. A 4+ bed affordable dwelling.

The Council's housing register is not broken down into wards and therefore the information is not held

4. The average waiting times at 1 April 2021 for the following types of affordable property:

- g. A shared accommodation affordable dwelling;
- h. 1-bed affordable dwelling;

- i. 2-bed affordable dwelling;
- j. 3-bed affordable dwelling;
- k. 4-bed affordable dwelling; and l
- . A 4+ bed affordable dwelling.

We operate a choice based lettings system meaning that people wait varying times depending on their band and how many bids they place.

Its only possible to provide an estimated waiting time per band. Those in bad A can wait anything from 0-6 months, Band B 12-18 months+, Band C 5-7 years.

The impact of these waiting times due Covid-19 is not yet known but these waiting times are likely to increase

5. The average waiting times at 1 April 2020 for the following types of affordable property:
- a. A shared accommodation affordable dwelling;
  - b. 1-bed affordable dwelling;
  - c. 2-bed affordable dwelling;
  - d. 3-bed affordable dwelling;
  - e. 4-bed affordable dwelling; and
  - f. A 4+ bed affordable dwelling.

The waiting times in April 2020 are the same as the current time. Until the impact of Covid 19 is known, we are continue to estimate the same waiting times

6. Any changes the Council has made to its Housing Register Allocations Policy since 2011 including:
- a. The date they occurred;
  - b. What they entailed; and
  - c. Copies of the respective documents

There are no changes yet, but a new policy will soon be launched in the near future, a draft of which can has been published on our website here: <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/Media,156062,smxx.pdf>

### **Social Housing Stock**

7. The total number of social housing dwelling stock at 1st April 2021 in a) Castle Ward, b) Ferring Ward, c) Northbrook Ward d) Goring Ward.

Worthing borough council does not hold any social housing stock

8. Whether all, or a part of, the Local Authority's social housing dwelling stock as been transferred to another organisation(s). If so, when did this occur and to whom (i.e. which housing association(s) or Arms-Length Management Organisation (ALMO)) was the stock transferred.

Worthing Borough Council transferred all of its housing stock to Worthing Homes in 1999

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### **Social Housing Lettings**

9. The number of social housing lettings in the period between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020; and between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021 in a) Castle Ward, b) Ferring Ward, c) Northbrook Ward d) Goring Ward.

The Council's housing register is not broken down into wards and therefore the information is not held

### **Housing Completions**

10. The number of NET housing completions in the Worthing Borough Council region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2020/21.

11. The number of NET affordable housing completions in the Worthing Borough Council region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2020/21.

12. The number of NET housing completions in a) Castle Ward, b) Ferring Ward, c) Northbrook Ward d) Goring Ward broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2020/21.

13. The number of NET affordable housing completions in a) Castle Ward, b) Ferring Ward, c) Northbrook Ward d) Goring Ward broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2020/21.

*Regarding Qs 10-13 – this question does not relate to the Council’s own affordable stock. Please can you provide information on any affordable housing completions as per the NPPF definition (including those provided as part of private developments and managed by registered providers etc, basically all affordable housing types).*

Please find attached the information you have requested.

### **Right to Buy**

14. The number of social rented dwellings lost in the Worthing Borough Council region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2020/21 through:

- a. Right to Buy;
- b. Preserved Right to Buy; and
- c. Voluntary Right to Buy

15. The number of Right to Buy replacements funded by receipts from Right to Buy sales in the Worthing Borough Council region broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2020/21.

16. The number of social rented dwellings lost in the a) Castle Ward, b) Ferring Ward, c) Northbrook Ward d) Goring Ward broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2020/21 through:

- a. Right to Buy;

- b. Preserved Right to Buy; and
- c. Voluntary Right to Buy

17. The number of Right to Buy replacements funded by receipts from Right to Buy sales in the a) Castle Ward, b) Ferring Ward, c) Northbrook Ward d) Goring Ward broken down on a per annum basis for the period between 2000/01 and 2020/21.

Q14-17 - N/A, no stock held since 1999

### **Temporary Accommodation**

Please be advised Adur & Worthing Councils do not hold a record of the number households in temporary accommodation that are also on the register. This is because not every person that is in temporary accommodation will apply to join the register, even though they are eligible to do so.

To establish the number of households in temporary Accommodation that are on the housing register would require us to manually search each record to locate and extract this information.

[Section 12](#) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit (there is a threshold of 18 hours work).

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 2.5 days of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- “(a) determining whether it holds the information,
- (b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,
- (c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information, and
- (d) extracting the information from a document containing it”.

For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.

We estimate that it will take us in excess of the applicable time limit to determine the appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, this element of your request will not be processed further.

We have however provided you information in relation to temporary accommodation

18. The number of households on the Housing Register housed in temporary accommodation within the Worthing Borough Council region at 1st April 2021.

On 01/04/21 there were 217 households in temporary accommodation

19.The number of households on the Housing Register housed in temporary accommodation outside the Worthing Borough Council region at 1st April 2021.

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20.The number of households on the Housing Register housed in temporary accommodation within the Worthing Borough Council region at 1st April 2020.

On 01/04/20 there were 142 households in temporary accommodation

21.The number of households on the Housing Register housed in temporary accommodation outside the Worthing Borough Council Council region at 1st April 2020.

On 01/04/20 there were 58 households in temporary accommodation outside of Worthing

### **Review procedure**

If you are not satisfied with the response to your request for information you have the right to an internal review. Details can be found on [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/foi](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/foi)

Your request for internal review should be submitted to us within three (3) months of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the Council.

If having exhausted the review process you are not content that your request or review has been dealt with correctly, you have a further right to appeal to the Information commissioner's Office (ICO), details of which can be found here: [www.ico.org.uk/concerns](http://www.ico.org.uk/concerns)

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### **Internal Review**

#### **Your review details**

#### **Response**

#### **Attachments with our response**

 [EIR 11415331 Historic Affordable Housing Delivery.pdf](#)

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