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Dear Anna Smith,

Freedom of Information/Environmental Information Regulations Request

Thank you for your request for information received on 16th Aug 2021.

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I have detailed below the information you have requested and what is being released to you.

Please could you supply me with as much as possible of the following information:

1. The number of landlords and private rented properties currently registered in the selective licensing scheme

The selective licensing register is available online and updated monthly, please see link below:

<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/downloads/file/23809/selective-licensing-register>

2. Any estimate you hold of the number of private rented properties in the selective licensing area that remain unlicensed

A full estimate of unlicensed premises will not be feasible until the release of all the 2021 census data in 2023, but it is estimated (based on evidence to date) that there will be at least a 10% uplift of premises (approximately 300). The release of the new census data initially will be March 2022 with full details March 2023 to allow for a better assessment.

3. Whether the scheme is self-funding, or supported by other council or central government revenue; and if the latter, an estimate of how much revenue has been supplied since the inception of the scheme

The scheme has been set up to cover the costs of all administrative duties associated, with no other revenue required.

4. The number of landlords with properties within the selective licensing area who have been prosecuted since selective licensing was introduced for either a) failing to obtain a license under the selective licensing scheme or b) other offences under Parts 1 and 2 of the Housing Act 2004

0 prosecutions however CPN notices have been served for non-licensing but the exact number is not known.

5. Any information available on how the fees for the scheme were calculated

Please refer to the following link:

<https://moderngov.harrow.gov.uk/documents/s148412/Appendix%20E%20-%20Selective%20Licensing%20Fee%20Breakdown.pdf>

6. And finally, any evaluation you have carried out on the impact of the scheme.

Please refer to the following 3 documents attached.

I hope that this information is of some help to you. Please note that the information contained in this reply is believed to be accurate as at today's date (unless otherwise indicated) but no guarantee is given.

Further, Harrow Council does not accept liability for any loss, injury or damage which arises from the use of the information contained in this reply either by you or by any other party.

If you are dissatisfied with the way your request has been handled, you may wish to contact Rebecca Johnson, Head of Strategy, Development and Performance, Email: rebecca.johnson@harrow.gov.uk within 1 month from the date of our response.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request, once you have completed the Council's internal appeal procedure, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: <http://www.ico.org.uk/complaints/handling/complain>

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer
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