

FOI: 3291168

Could you please advise us how many properties have been transferred from Borough council ownership to external organisations, such as housing associations like Poplar Harca?

Could you also clearly identify how many of these the Borough has seen fit to give away at nil value, that is free of charge, to external organisations?

To define external organisation I mean an organisation that owns the property independently of the Borough council, who no longer maintain stewardship of it on behalf of the public.

Please could you provide figures dating back to 13th September 1996.

Freedom of Information Act 2000

This request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The council's asset disposal list lists 102 disposals since 1st January 2005.

Of those 102 disposals, 8 were at nil value. This includes one that was for £1, for which payment was waived.

To examine the records since 13th September 1996 would require a manual examination of the records which would require approximately 1 hour per additional month, for the additional 100 months (Sept 1996 - Dec 2004).

Section 12(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. The appropriate limit for the council, as defined in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004, is £450. This equates to 18 hours of staff time.

The council has determined that it will take approximately 100 hours (£2,500) to determine your request. This is in excess of the 18 hour (£450) limit set out in the regulation.