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Dear Requester

Request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act)

The council has considered your request which was received on 17 August 2018 and our response to your questions is shown below.

I am writing to you in regards to budget cuts planned for local public services. I would like to know:

1) Which public services will be facing cuts?

On this occasion, the council has determined that the requested information is exempt from disclosure in accordance with section 21(1) of the Act as it is reasonably accessible to you by other means and publically available. The Medium Term Financial Plans are reported to Executive Board each February in advance of the financial year. The 2018/19 – 2021/22 MTFP is available to view under item 78. The attached appendix list of the proposed savings and other changes to the budget for each area of the council:

<http://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=6601&Ver=4>

The council has relied on sections 16 and 21 of the Act as it is providing you with advice and assistance by directing you to our website where you can view the requested information. Please accept this letter as a refusal notice issued in accordance with section 17 of the Act.

2) How much money has been cut from these budgets in the last 5 years?

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The 2017/18 – 2019/20 MTFP is available to view under item 71:

<http://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=5775&Ver=4>

The 2016/17 – 2018/19 MTFP is available to view under item 82:

<http://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=5042&Ver=4>

The 2015/16 – 2017/18 MTFP is available to view under item 92:

<http://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=3919&Ver=4>

The 2014/15 – 2016/17 MTFP is available to view under item 113:

<http://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=177&MId=3477&Ver=4>

The 2013/14 – 2015/16 MTFP is available to view under item 14:

<http://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeeld=177&MeetingId=1419&DF=19%2f02%2f2013&Ver=2>

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3) How much is planning to be cut in the future?

See response to question 1.

The Executive Board report on 20 February 2018 details the Council's Phase 1 budget proposals discussed at Executive Board on Tuesday 19 December 2017 and Phase 2 budget proposals discussed at Executive Board on Tuesday 20 February 2018. The report includes a list of the proposed savings and other changes to the budget (see Appendix A and Appendix B in the report).

<http://documents.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/download/5664>

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4) How many job losses this will entail?

The 2018/19 Budget Consultation details the savings the council needs to make for next year's budget, this includes the projected number of council post losses as a result of these budget plans:

<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/about-the-council/budget-consultation-201819/>

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Yours sincerely

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