Hammersmith and Fulham

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Our reference: 701249

Dear Ms. Williams

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 14 August 2014.

Your request

Please could you state how much your Council spent during the financial year 2013-2014 on EACH of the following

- 1. Non-repayable grants to Foster Parents
- a. towards the purchase of bigger cars. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.
- b. towards the building of house extensions or the purchase of bigger houses. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.

If recipients later cease fostering, are grants repayable, in full or in part, - or would they be if this situation hasn't yet arisen?

- 1. Non-repayable grants to Adoptive Parents
- a. towards the purchase of bigger cars. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.
- b. towards the building of house extensions or the purchase of bigger houses. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.

If after a grant has been received adopted children are returned to Local Authority care, or are removed, are grants repayable, in full or in part, - or would they be if this situation hasn't vet arisen?

Our response

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

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Hammersmith and Fulham. I have enclosed copies of the information that is being released to you.

- 1. Non-repayable grants to Foster Parents
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£4,159.00

b. towards the building of house extensions or the purchase of bigger houses. If more than one family received a grant please elaborate.

None

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Any payment in respect of property is made in conjunction with a legal agreement and normally a charge is applied to the property. However all agreements are negotiated on a case by case basis and the terms and conditions of each may be different dependant on circumstances.

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Yours sincerely

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