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Mr D Morris

**Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000  
Environmental Information Regulations 2004  
Reference No: 17294661**

Thank you for your request for information held by London Borough of Lewisham. I have included below a copy of your request, followed by the Council's response.

- 1. The number of Assistant Director or Director posts responsible for Housing Revenue Account housing responsibilities.**
- 2. A summary of each Assistant Director or Director roles responsibilities for delivering Housing Revenue Account housing services.**
- 3. A structure chart of Assistant Director or Directors (if one is available).**

We apply Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, 'Information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means', to your request.

Section 21 states:

- (1) Information which is readily available to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.*
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)-*
- (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and*
- (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or upon payment.*
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.*

This acts as an exemption notice. Subsection 1 means that the Council is relieved of the duty to communicate the requested information to an applicant if there is an existing method by which the information can be obtained, outside of the operation of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is an absolute exemption and therefore does not require the public interests balancing test to be applied. We confirm that the requested information can be accessed at the following link:

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/mayorandcouncil/aboutthecouncil/how-council-is-run/council-structure/our-directorates-and-structure>

**4. The overall establishment (Full Time Equivalent posts) responsible for delivering Housing Revenue Account housing services.**

Head count 98.8 FTE

We hope you will find this information helpful.

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**Please also send any follow up questions or queries to this address.**

This must be requested within 40 working days of the date of this response. If you remain dissatisfied after receiving this decision, you then also have a further right of appeal, which you can make in writing, stating your reasons to the regulating body, the Information Commissioner's Office. Contact details are outlined below:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113.

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Yours sincerely

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