



Northamptonshire County Council

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Please ask for: Freedom of Information
Tel: 01604 638360
Our ref: FR9016
Your ref:
Date: 7th March 2019

Dear Mr Benjamin,

Information Request: FR9016

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 18th February 2019 which was received by us on 19th February 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

Our Response

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

Please provide for financial years 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19 in MS Excel format:

1) The list of statutory overrides sought & received from DCLG/MHCLG for each financial year, including the date of receipt

The only one of the above financial years in which Northamptonshire County Council has sought a statutory override is 2018/19. The request was approved on 28th November 2018.

*2) The reasons/ justifications for each request for an override, provided by the council in each case
The request was made because of the Council's financial circumstances.*

It was for £70m to address three challenges. They were:

- **An unfunded deficit from 2017/18 of £35m;**
- **Risks associated with both the resilience of the approach to recovery and the savings measures within the Stabilisation Plan of £15m; and**
- **Creating a General Reserve minimum level of £20m.**

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The request would allow the expenditure incurred above to be treated as capital expenditure.

3) Reasons/ justification given by MHCLG for denial/ approval in each case, noting statutory overrides should only be used in "exceptional circumstances" according to MHCLG guidance, as they result in less transparency and comparability between councils annual accounts.

The request was approved by MHCLG on 28th November 2018 to help manage the challenges in restoring financial equilibrium in Northamptonshire.

4) Direct/indirect references made to the statutory override(s) in the councils published annual accounts

Not applicable at this point in time.

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If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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