Department for Communities

Dear Sir's

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Could you supply me with the

1/ Details of amounts of any loans received by Apex Housing Association and the repayment detail and how much outstanding.

2/Details of any grants given to Apex Housing Association ,by year .from 2000 to 2020

I would like the above information to be provided to me by email

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

I understand that you are required to respond to my request within the 20 working days after you receive this letter. I would be grateful if you could confirm in writing that you have received this request.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Dear Date: 4 October 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

The Department has now completed its search for the information you requested on 10 September 2021.

You specifically requested:

- 1. Details of amounts of any loans received by Apex Housing Association and the repayment detail and how much outstanding; and
- 2. Details of any grants given to Apex Housing Association by year from 2000 to 2020.

Information relating to question 1 is detailed in Annex A.

I have included a link to the Government Funded Database (GFD) detail for Apex Housing Association. I can confirm that the department does not hold additional information to what is detailed on the GFD <u>Organisation Details (nics.gov.uk)</u>

If you are dissatisfied with this response and wish to request a review of our decision or make a complaint about how your request has been handled, you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter. You should write to the Information Access Manager, Department for Communities, Level 5, Nine Lanyon Place, BELFAST, BT1 3LP, or send an email to foi@communities-ni.gov.uk.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of our original decision.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Annex A

Loans Issued to Apex

EMPTY HOMES: £2,914,000 - March 2013 and

£1,795,633 - September 2013

NEW BUILD SHARED OWNERSHIP: £3,782,000 - March 2013 and

£2,330,519 - September 2013

Repayments Made by Apex

EMPTY HOMES: £2,747,286 - repaid in 2018/19 and

£470,000 repaid in 2020/21

NEW BUILD SHARED OWNERSHIP: £610,000 repaid in 2020/21

Loan Outstanding

EMPTY HOMES: £1,492,347 due in 2021/22

(£470,000 due in October 2021 and

remainder in March 2022)

NEW BUILD SHARED OWNERSHIP: £5,502,519 due in 2021/22

(£610,000 due in October 2021 and

remainder in March 2022)

There are also older long term loans issued to Apex. £876,717 was issued to Apex between 1985 and 1994 of which £769,193 has been repaid. The remainder (£107,524) will be repaid by 2024.