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Council Redundancies

Ref: FOI / 9203

Information Request

Can you provide me with the total number of staff that were made redundant by the council for each of the following financial years...

Can you provide me with the total cost of those redundancies for each year?

Can you provide me with the number of staff employed by the council in each of those years?

Can you also provide the name of the department each role was lost from?

Response by Lewes District Council

I have carefully considered your request and investigated whether there is any additional information available that is not already publicly available.

I have determined that the information you have requested is already publicly available, and therefore under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), Section 21 (information accessible to applicant by other means) this information is exempt from requiring further action in order to make it accessible to you and the general public.

The above exemption specifies that where information is already reasonably accessible to the applicant there is no duty for the local authority to provide any additional copy of the material. This may include information for which a charge applies.

Please note that Lewes District Council and Eastbourne Borough Council have combined services.

This exemption also requires the local authority to inform you where this information is available from and how to access it. The details of how to obtain it are provided below:

The Council's annual accounts are published on the website each year and details of Exit package costs (including special payments).

Unfortunately, the council is not able to disclose the service areas of those officers who received settlement payments because, due to the low numbers of staff involved, other staff or members of the public could potentially identify them if this information went into the public domain. We therefore consider this information to be personal data and exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Also, disclosure would breach the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018.

The website has annual accounts going back to 2008.

[Statement of Accounts](#)