

9 January 2024

Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2023/00643**

Further to our acknowledgement, we can confirm that Oxford City Council can advise as follows in response to your Freedom of Information Request received on 14 December:

Request

I am writing to request the following, under the FOI Act.

1) The number of live housing disrepair claims lodged with your council as of 01/12/2023

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2) The number of housing disrepair claims made against your council for each of the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

2018-2019 1
2019-2020 3
2020-2021 10
2021-2022 9
2022-2023 15

3) The number of housing disrepair claims settled for each of the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

2018-2019 1
2019-2020 2
2020-2021 6
2021-2022 2
2022-2023 3 (2 pending)

4) The average cost (£) of each disrepair claim settlement for each of the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

2018-2019 £16,200.00
2019 - 2020 £27,075.00
2020 - 2021 £17,415.00
2021 - 2022 £ 5,365.00
2022 - 2023 £ 5,254.00

5) Your council's total annual spend on external legal costs relating to disrepair claims (£) -- by external costs I am referring to barristers and solicitors engaged outside the council's own salaried legal staff for each of the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

£0.

6) Your council's total annual spend on compensation for housing disrepair claims (£) for each of the financial years 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23.

2018 - 2019 £8501.10
2019 - 2020 £4870.00
2020 - 2021 £18,793.04
2021 - 2022 £3,300.00
2022 - 2023 £10,193.00

If you disagree with any part of the response to your request, you are entitled to ask the Council for an internal review of the decision(s) made. You may do this by writing to the Monitoring Officer, by either email monitoringofficer@oxford.gov.uk – or by post to Monitoring Officer, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX. After the result of the internal review, if you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Information Commissioner to intervene on your behalf. You may do this by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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