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To Whom it May Concern:

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 Request

Renfrewshire Council received your request for information and can supply the following information in response.

1) In your local authority, what was the estimated population in 2015/16 of:

- a) Vulnerable 2 year olds eligible for free early years and childcare provision? **432**
- b) 3 – 5 year olds eligible for free early years and childcare provision?

Population figures are published by the National Records of Scotland on their website at www.nrscotland.gov.uk

2) In the final term of 2015/16 how many early years and childcare places were made available for:

- a) Vulnerable 2 year olds? **638**
- b) 3 - 5 year olds? **There were 2882 local authority places and 1473 partner places available.**

3) In the final term of 2015/16 how many early years and childcare places for vulnerable 2 year olds were made available in:

- a) Council nurseries? **568**
- b) Partner providers? **70**

4) In the final term of 2015/16 how many early years and childcare places for 3 – 5 year olds were made available in

- a) Council nurseries? **2882**
- b) Partner providers? **1473**

Information for questions 5, 6 and 7 is not held centrally and would require considerable collation of information from individual units. Whilst I can therefore confirm that the Council does hold the information requested, the information cannot be provided as set out under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 as the costs of providing the



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information requested would incur fees that exceed the upper limit of £600 specified in section 12(1) of the Act.

8) In the final term of 2015/16, how many council nursery places were taken up for

a) vulnerable 2 year olds? **343**

b) 3 – 5 year olds? **2371**

9) In the final term of 2015/16, how many Full Time Equivalent places are available for

a) vulnerable 2 year olds? **638**

b) 3 – 5 year olds? **3450 local authority places and 1473 partner places.**

10) What was the full annual value of a funded partnership place in 2015/16?

The value was £2090 for a 3 to 5 year old place and £3344 for a 2 to 3 year old place.

11) Do you fund all eligible children attending partner providers?

In 15/16 all those who applied for a funded place received one.

12) In the final term of 2015/16 how many eligible children did not receive their early years and childcare funding whilst attending:

a) partnership settings? **0**

b) Care Inspectorate registered childcare settings outwith the partnership scheme? **The Council does not fund places in non-partnership nurseries.**

13) How many funded partnership places did you commission in 2015/16? **1347**

14) How many early years staff do you employ?

Renfrewshire Council employs 146 part-time staff and 309 full-time staff.

I trust that this information meets with the details of your request however if you are unhappy with the way in which the Council has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Council to review its decision. A copy of the Council's review procedures is attached in Appendix 1.

Freedom of Information enquiries should be directed to foi@renfrewshire.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

REVIEW PROCEDURES

Introduction

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (“the 2002 Act”) provides a statutory right of access to information held by Scottish public authorities. Renfrewshire Council is committed to freedom of information compliance. The 2002 Act entitles an applicant who is dissatisfied with the way in which the Council has dealt with a freedom of information request to require the Council to review its actions and decisions in relation to that request. This procedure is referred to in the Act as a “requirement for review”.

The Review Process

Should you wish a review to take place you must:-

Lodge a requirement for review within 40 working days after:

- the date of the Notice refusing your request;
- on receipt by you of a Fees Notice; or
- the expiry of the 20 working day time limit in which the Council is obliged to comply with your original request

The requirement for review must be in writing or in another permanent form. This means that it should be in a format which is capable of being used for subsequent reference e.g. a recording made on an audio or video tape.

The requirement for review must include your address for correspondence, a description of your original request and the reasons why you are dissatisfied. This should be addressed to the Managing Solicitor (Information Governance):

Allison Black
Managing Solicitor (Information Governance)
Department of Finance & Resources
Renfrewshire House, Floor 1, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1TT
Email: alison.black@renfrewshire.gcsx.gov.uk

The review will be fair and impartial and will be decided by the Managing Solicitor (Information Governance). In the absence of the Managing Solicitor (Information Governance), the review will be decided by the Head of Corporate Governance or the Legal and Democratic Services Manager.



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The Council will explain how it has reviewed the original decision and will provide a Statement of Reasons for its findings.

The Council may:

- Confirm the decision complained of, with or without such modifications as it thinks appropriate;
- Substitute the original decision with a different decision; or
- Reach a decision, where the complaint is that no decision on a freedom of information request was reached.

The Council is not obliged to comply with a request for review if:

- The requirement for review is vexatious; or
- The original request to which the requirement relates was vexatious or repeated.

You may withdraw your requirement for review at any time before the decision is made by written notice to the Managing Solicitor (Information Governance).

Right of Appeal

If you are unhappy with the outcome of the review, you have the right to appeal the Council's decision to:

The Scottish Information Commissioner
Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife KY16 9DS
Tel. No. 01334 464610
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