Previous request FOI 15376

Does the council receive any money, grants or financial incentives in any way for asylum seekers that live in the borough hotels? Inc Britannia and the proposed Kilhey Court situation?

Previous Response

Please find the below link to the Home Office website which details the funding received for every Local Authority:

Accommodation sites factsheet - April 2023 - Home Office in the media (blog.gov.uk)

These amounts do not include Kilhey Court which was not open on April 1st, 2023.

Follow Up Request FOI 15463

That is not a response to the FOI. Sending a link shows two figures if the council is included in a pilot scheme. Hence why I asked what the figure the council gets so the public is clear on what you get paid. Sending through a generic link to the government is not what would answer my foi. Therefore you are in breach of the legislation and I therefore ask you tell me what the figure you get .

In the absence of the council avoiding answering the question I asked under the FOI legislation I can only assume that the council gets the two figures of £7,500 per person.

I await confirmation of the figure unless the £7,500 on the link you sent through is correct and then I await you confirming that.

Follow Up Response

The link in the previous response includes the following paragraph.

For existing dispersed accommodation and beds in hotels, the government will provide local authorities with a one off £750 payment for each asylum seeker who is in Home Office accommodation on the 1st April 2023 – up from £250 last year. The payment will be made during quarter 1 of 2023/24.

Therefore, the assumption of £7,500 is incorrect as the payment is £750. Please note that the payment is for each asylum seeker who is in Home Office accommodation on the 1st April 2023; Kilhey Court was not Home Office accommodation on that date.

Up to date information regarding this matter can be found on the Council's website @ Frequently Asked Questions – People seeking asylum and hotel use in Wigan Borough