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29<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear [name redacted]

### **Freedom of Information – Request for Information**

With regards to your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. Please find the information you requested below with reference in the box to your original enquiry for clarity where multiple answers are required.

#### **Details of Your Request**

**1. The number of Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) applications in 2014/15 made by household type:**

Household type broken down by: Single, single parent, couple parent, pensioner and other household types; if this isn't possible, then by: Single parent and other household types

**2. The number of DHP awards in 2014/15 by both household type and welfare reforms for which DHPs were awarded (cross-tabulation):**

Household type broken down as per categories in (1)

Welfare reforms broken down as per DHP monitoring returns (Benefit cap, removal of the spare room subsidy, local housing allowance reforms, combination of welfare reforms, award not for welfare reforms)

– If it is not possible to break down awards by both household type and welfare reform, please provide the number of awards by household type only

**3. The amount spent on DHP awards in 2014/15 by both household type and welfare reforms for which DHPs were awarded (cross-tabulation):**

– Household type and welfare reforms broken down as per categories in (2)

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**4. The number of DHP awards in 2014/15 by both household type and the purpose of DHPs (cross-tabulation):**

– Household type broken down as per categories in (1)

– Purpose of DHPs broken down as per DHP monitoring returns:

- To help secure and move to alternative accommodation
- To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant secures and moves to alternative accommodation
- To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant seeks employment
- To help with ongoing rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation
- To help with ongoing rental costs for a foster carer
- To help with ongoing rental costs for any other reason

**5. The amount spent on DHP awards in 2014/15 by both household type and the purpose of DHPs (cross-tabulation):**

– Household type and purpose of DHPs broken down as per the categories in (4)

The response to your request as follows:

1. 524 received in total – unable to be split between any household types
2. Can only be broken down into welfare reforms

Impact of welfare Reforms	Number of Awards
Benefit Cap	2
Removal of spare room subsidy	205
LHA Restriction	58
Combination of reforms	3
No impact	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>

3. Unable to break down by Household type

Impact of welfare Reforms	Number of Awards	£
Benefit Cap	2	393.7
Removal of spare room subsidy	205	66244.23
LHA Restriction	58	15364.81
Combination of reforms	3	1250.62
No impact	95	27285.57
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>£110538.93</b>

4. See below

Purpose of DHP	Number of Awards
To help secure and move to alternative accommodation (e.g rent deposit)	108
To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant secures and moves to alternative accommodation	121
To help with short-term rental costs while the claimant seeks employment	66
To help with on going rental costs for disabled person in adapted accommodation	29
To help with on going rental costs for foster carer	0
To help with on-going rental costs for any other reasons	39
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5. See Above and attached spreadsheet

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Details of Tamworth Borough Council's internal review and complaints procedure are attached, in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

Yours Sincerely

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# Summary of Discretionary Housing Payment Awards

Authority :

Tamworth Borough Council

Period Ending :

31/03/2015

**Claim Breakdown**

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