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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**

*Please can you tell me if the council has done any work looking at how many tenants or benefit recipients are now affected by the new benefit cap introduced on 7 November?*

*If so, please tell me:*

- *How many tenants or benefit recipients are now affected*
- *How many tenants or benefit recipients were affected under the first benefit cap*
- *How many of these tenants are in rent arrears?*
- *What size home tenants affected by the new benefit cap occupy? i.e. 1 bed, 2 bed*
- *How much money has been spent by the council to support people affected by the new benefit cap i.e. helping to manage money, set up training or employment opportunities*

#### **The response to your request as follows:**

- **Yes, details provided to Housing Associations/ Council Tenant Housing Section who have written to affected claimants to provide assistance/advice etc.**
- **Approx 65 Benefit recipients, of these 28 are Council tenants**
- **Approx 17 benefit recipients, of these 14 are Council tenants**
- **Approx 10 Council Tenants as of Nov 16**
- **All/Various – 1 bed, 2 bed, 3 beds & 4 bed.**
- **Information not held**

Information of this nature can potentially change on a daily basis due to changes reported, for example: if some people find employment and claim working tax credit they become exempt from the cap. Others may lose their jobs and find themselves subject to the cap when they claim benefits. Due to the potential daily changes, the figures provided are approx for the time of the request.

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Yours Sincerely

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