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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

1) How many council houses were a) built b) funded (be that fully or in part funded eg funding given to a third party or housing trust or the council providing land or property in lieu of cash to support a new development) and c) sold in the financial years of 2014-2015, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017. Can I have this broken down by year and in each year by built, funded and sold.
2) In relation to 1b, if you have funded or part funded any development(s) how much did you spend?
3) In relation to 1c how many properties worth over a million were sold? If so, a) when b) for how much c) what is the postcode of the property?
4) In relation to 1c how much was raised by these sales, in total, in each of the years?
5) The amount of these sales (if any) retained to provide one for one replacements? I'd like as an £ amount.
6) a) How many servicemen and women and their families have been applied to be given priority status since your authority's introduction of the Armed Forces Covenant? b) How many servicemen and women and their families have been given priority status in applying for Government-sponsored affordable housing schemes c) What is their average wait for a home (including application process) d) what was the longest wait for a home?

The response to your request as follows:

1.
 - a) - 0 for every year
 - b) -
 - c) - sold in the financial years of

2014-2015	36
2015-2016	36
2016-2017	40

2.

3. None

4.

2014-2015 £1,490,955

2015-2016 £1,697,757

2016-2017 £2,064,990

5.

2014-2015 £292,297

2015-2016 £454,062

2016-2017 £711,327

6.

a) The authority signed up to the Staffordshire armed services covenant in May 2012- 16 armed service personnel applied to join the housing register since this time.

b) In terms of the housing register for social housing the priority that has been awarded is as follows.

- 2 were awarded Band 1+ as they served in the forces and suffered serious injury, disability or illness which was attributable to their service- this included both in terms of physical and mental health.
- 2 were awarded band 1,
- 10 were awarded Band 2 for leaving from Armed forces accommodation where they have not been dishonourably discharged
- 2 are currently in Band 4 as they are still in active service, not yet discharged and so cannot move currently

n.b Please note if this question refers to home ownership housing option i.e. shared ownership we do not hold this data.

c) Of those offered accommodation through the housing register the average time from receipt of application to offer of accommodation was 50 days.

d) Of those offered accommodation The longest wait from the date of receipt of application to offer of accommodation was 61 days.

n.b It should be noted that Tamworth Borough Council operate a choice based lettings system and not all of those that applied to the housing register chose to pursue their application and apply for properties and therefore not all of those which applied have been rehoused.

It should also be noted that Tamworth Borough council implemented a new allocations policy in October 2014 which altered bandings awarded to applicants.

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Yours Sincerely

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