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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1436

I write further to your email dated 15 December 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

Collectively, councils were given £40 million in self-isolation support. That £40 million was made up of two pots: 'programme costs' which is a £25 million pot and **not discretionary**. The second is a £15 million pot and **is discretionary**. **For the purposes of this Fol, I am interested in the discretionary pot only.**

Can you please answer the following:

A) How many applications have been considered under the discretionary pot b) how many have been granted and c) how many have been rejected.

If you have already run out of discretionary funding d) how long did the discretionary funding pot last. Please provide both a date when it ran out and the number of days from between when you had the funding and when it ran out (I appreciate that councils may have received funding at different times).

If you haven't yet run out of discretionary funding e) how long do you anticipate it lasting.

Finally, if you have already spent the discretionary funding, f) have you spent more from your own budget and if so g) by how much?

If you haven't yet spent all your discretionary funding - and bearing in mind the Government has said that councils will not be able to recoup on discretionary overspend - h) have you or do you plan to allocate additional funding to support local residents?

Our response:

Information correct as of 11 January 2021.

Discretionary Scheme (A,B & C)

Total	105
Rejected	95
Approved	2
Awaiting Information	8

- D. N/A
- E. Information not held.
- F. N/A
- H. There is still discretionary funding available, the scheme may get extended potentially receiving further government funding.

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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