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Subject: Compliments, Comments, Complaints and Freedom of

Information Requests

Report by: Customer Service and Access Officer

Other Officers

Involved

Support Officer

Director of Corporate Resources

Relevant Councillor E. Watts, Portfolio Holder for Customer Services

Portfolio Holder and Policy and Performance

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services

STRATEGIC ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT – Continually improving our organisation.

The effective management of complaints and customer requests is central to excellent customer service. It also provides a good source of information which the Council can use to improve services.

TARGETS

Local performance indicators for handling written complaints and Ombudsman complaints.

VALUE FOR MONEY

A centralised complaints and freedom of information requests service maximises the use of staffing resources as well as the provision of management information.

THE REPORT

To provide information on the number of compliments, comments, complaints, freedom of information and personal data requests for the period 1st January 2012 to 31st March 2012 together with a summary for 2011/12.

Compliments

Table A shows the number of written compliments received for the period. In total 32 written compliments were received (up from the previous quarter when we received 27). A good cross section of compliments received from customers appreciating excellent service, including 10 for the Community and Street Services Department for the collection of refuse, flytipping and grounds maintenance duties, 7 for the Leisure Department and 6 for the Housing Department.

Comments

Table B shows the number of written comments received for the period. All 22 received were responded to within standard (20 working days). 3 comments were received concerning the closure of Contact Centres on Saturday mornings and a further 3 comments regarding the length of time waiting for Contact Centres to answer the telephone.

Table C shows the above information by department.

Complaints

Stage one

Stage one complaints refer to expressions of dissatisfaction made verbally by customers. The table below provides a breakdown of stage one complaints handled by the Contact Centres by service area and volume for the period 1st January 2012 to 31st March 2012.

| Service Area | 01/04/11– 30/06/11 | 01/07/11– 30/09/11 | 01/10/11- 31/12/11 | 01/01/12 – 31/03/12 | Total |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------|-------------|
| Complaints regarding housing repairs e.g. out of time, quality | Informa | tion not curre | ntly available – 01/04/12 | to be reporte | d on from |
| Missed clinical waste collection | 16 (5) | 19 (11) | 36 (13) | 23 (10) | 94 (39) |
| Missed domestic or green bin collection | 166 (155) | 192 (175) | 601 (573) | 318 (279) | 1277 (1182) |
| Missed blue box/ burgundy bin collection | 205 (201) | 518 (492) | 568 (530) | 252 (238) | 1543 (1461) |
| Total | 387 (361) | 729 (678) | 1205 (1116) | 593 (527) | 2914 (2682) |

The figures in brackets show the number of stage one complaints not resolved by the Contact Centre and passed through to the Community & Street Services department for investigation/action. For the same period Contact Centres handled 8,283 requests for service in total.

Stage two

Table D shows the number of stage two or written complaints received for the period by date order. 41 complaints were received during this period, up from last quarter in which we received 25 complaints. All were responded to within our customer service standard of 20 working days. 4 complaints concern out of time repairs.

Table E shows the above information by department.

Stage three

Table F shows the number of stage three complaints received for the period by date order. These are complainants who have already made a stage two complaint and still feel dissatisfied. During this period 5 stage three complaints were received, all were responded to within standard.

Ombudsman

Table G shows the status of Ombudsman complaints for 2011/12 as of 25th April 2012. During this quarter, three formal investigations were received and one decision in which the Ombudsman decided not to initiate investigations. We have four complaints awaiting a decision from the Ombudsman for 2011/12.

Freedom of Information (FOI)

Table H shows the number of requests for 'freedom of information' for the period by date order. Of the 111 requests received (up from 86 last quarter), 109 were responded to within the government standard of 20 working days and two have had the timescale extended (as permitted under the legislation). Additionally we received 18 further requests which we forwarded to other organisations.

Table I shows the above information by department.

Personal Data requests (DP)

There were 7 requests made within this quarter, all of which have been dealt within standard (40 calendar days).

Performance

The target of 100% has been achieved for responding to stage two complaints within 20 working days for 2011/12.

Summary for 2011/12

The following tables provide a summary of performance for compliments, comments, complaints and freedom of information requests for 2011/12.

Volume and Performance

| Volume by type | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | 2011/12 Total | 2010/11 Total | 2009/10 Total |
|---|------|------|------|------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Compliments | 45 | 49 | 27 | 32 | 153 | 173 | 129 |
| Comments | 29 | 17 | 25 | 22 | 93 | 78 | 64 |
| | 32 | 26 | 25 | 41 | 124 | 79 | 115 |
| Stage 2 Complaints | 5 | | 4 | 5 | | | |
| Stage 3 Complaints | _ | 9 | | _ | 23 | 25 | 22 |
| FOI | 102 | 107 | 86 | 111 | 406 | 408 | 312 |
| Total | 213 | 208 | 167 | 211 | 799 | 763 | 642 |
| Stage 1 Complaints | 387 | 729 | 1205 | 593 | 2914 | 1059 | 1644 |
| % Comments responded to within standard | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Average response in days | 17 | 13 | 17 | 14 | 15 | 12 | 12 |
| % Stage 2 responded to within standard | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 99% | 98% |
| Average response in days | 15 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 15 |
| % Stage 3 responded to within standard | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 87% | 92% |
| Average response in days | 18 | 16 | 16 | 19 | 17 | 16 | 15 |
| % FOI Requests responded to within standard | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 99% |
| Average response in days | 12 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 14 | 11 | 9 |

When comparing 2011/12 to the previous year of 2010/11, the following is noted:

- Received more stage two complaints, an increase of 45 (57%).
- Received similar volumes of stage three complaints.
- Received more written comments, an increase of 15 (19%).
- Received fewer written compliments (-11%).
- Received more stage one complaints, an increase of 1855 (175%).
- Responses to customer requests within standard written comments and FOI requests (remained at 100%), stage two complaints (100%, up 1%) and stage three complaints (100%, up 13%).
- Received similar volume of FOI requests.

Customer Feedback

The following changes have been made as a result of customer feedback obtained through written comments and complaints:

- Reference number to be given to all written complaints and noted in correspondence with the complainant
- Customer Advisors to check Planning computer at the beginning of each day to ensure it is working correctly
- > Benefit Section's procedures reviewed to reduce any unnecessary delays in processing appeals
- Members allowances to be published by 31st July in future

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

None

IMPLICATIONS

Financial: - None Legal: - None

HR & Payroll: - None

RECOMMENDATION

That the report be received

REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION

To keep Members informed of volumes and trends regarding compliments, comments, complaints and freedom of information requests.

ATTACHMENTS: Y

Table A: Compliments summary for the period 01/01/12 – 31/03/12

Table B: Comments summary for the period 01/01/12 – 31/03/12

Table C: Comments summary by department 2011/12

Table D: Stage two complaints summary for the period 01/01/12 – 31/03/12

Table E: Stage two complaints summary by department 2011/12

Table F: Stage three complaints summary for the period 01/01/12 – 31/03/12

Table G: Ombudsman complaints summary for 2011/12

Table H: Freedom of information summary for the period 01/01/12 – 31/03/12

Table I: Freedom of information summary by department 2011/12

FILE REFERENCE: - N/A SOURCE DOCUMENT: - N/A

| | 7 | Table A: COMPLIMENTS SUMMARY 01/01/12 – 31/03/12 | |
|------------------|-------------------|--|--|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Compliment | Departments Involved |
| 03/01/12 | Nottingham | Very happy with neutering advice on our website, customer hoping to persuade other councils to follow suit | Environmental Health |
| 05/01/12 | Bolsover | Thanks to department for all their help and information given (Food Safety Service) | Environmental Health |
| 09/01/12 | Facebook | Happy with our Facebook page, very informative | Customer Service & Performance |
| 09/01/12 | Facebook | Praise for Facebook page | Customer Service & Performance |
| 10/01/12 | Langwith Junction | Thanks to grounds maintenance for cutting back hedge | Community & Street Services |
| 12/01/12 | Whitwell | Thanks to Customer Advisor for help with request for urgent repair to taps | Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) |
| 13/01/12 | Barlborough | Refuse service is brilliant | Community & Street Services |
| 13/01/12 | Clowne | Thanks to speedy response for removal of fly tipping | Community & Street Services |
| 13/01/12 | Bolsover | Many thanks for responding so quickly to litter problem | Community & Street Services |
| 17/01/12 | Creswell | Dog fouling removed, very good job done | Community & Street Services |
| 27/01/12 | Clowne | Very pleasant and helpful staff at Leisure Centre reception for birthday party | Leisure |
| 31/01/12 | Creswell | Thanks to Benefits staff for all help and support with housing and council tax benefits | Finance & Revenues |
| 13/02/12 | Sheffield | Very impressed with service received with regard to Land Charges | Legal & Democratic |
| 17/02/12 | New Houghton | Housing repairs service outstanding | Housing |
| 17/02/12 | Bolsover | Thanks to Wes, Mandy and Pam for their presentations to Voluntary Sector Forum | CEO Chief Executive's & Partnership Team |
| 17/02/12 | Sheffield | Thanks for help given to resident regarding Careline service | Housing |
| 20/02/12 | Creswell | Operative attended very quickly to emergency repair, very pleasant | Housing |
| 20/02/12 | Clowne | Thanks to Yorkshire Windows for a clean and tidy job | Housing |
| 23/02/12 | South Normanton | Thanks to maintenance team for cleaning up mess in area | Community & Street |

| | Table A: COMPLIMENTS SUMMARY 01/01/12 – 31/03/12 | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Compliment | Departments Involved | | | | | | |
| | | | Services | | | | | | |
| 24/02/12 | Clowne | Thanks for very quick response to complaint on dog fouling, cleaned up very well | Community & Street Services | | | | | | |
| 29/02/12 | Glapwell | Staff at Creswell Leisure Centre are friendly, helpful and welcoming, facilities good, clean and well kept | Leisure | | | | | | |
| 07/03/12 | Langwith | Big thank you for fantastic morning at SEN (Special Educational Needs) Sports Hall Athletics competition | Leisure | | | | | | |
| 07/03/12 | Scarcliffe | Refuse team always polite and professional | Community & Street Services | | | | | | |
| 08/03/12 | Shirebrook | Extremely pleased with level of service from responsive repairs operative | Housing | | | | | | |
| 09/03/12 | Clowne | All classes for Aqua Fit/ Aqua Jog are very good | Leisure | | | | | | |
| 09/03/12 | Clowne | Instructors for Aqua Fit/ Aqua Jog are very good, motivational and make exercising more interesting | Leisure | | | | | | |
| 12/03/12 | Stanfree | Thanks for quick response by CAN Rangers to clean up graffiti | Community & Street Services | | | | | | |
| 16/03/12 | Unknown | Grateful for time and effort in supplying information in relation to Land Charges | Legal & Democratic | | | | | | |
| 19/03/12 | Creswell | Very pleased with operatives who carried out repair | Housing | | | | | | |
| 21/03/12 | Whitwell | Aqua Fit session is super | Leisure | | | | | | |
| 23/03/12 | Clowne | Wants to thank Grounds Maintenance team for cutting back trees | Community & Street Services | | | | | | |
| 28/03/12 | Clowne | Highly satisfied with staff at Creswell Leisure Centre, clean and well maintained | Leisure | | | | | | |

Table B: SUMMARY OF COMMENTS 01/01/12 – 31/03/12

| Date Received | Area | Summary of Comment | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Summary of Response |
|------------------|--------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 06/01/12 | Clowne | Why CCTV cameras in Clowne have not been working for last 2 months | Community & Street Services | 01/02/2012 | 18 | Confirmed no cameras in Clowne working since contract with Chesterfield Borough Council was terminated in February 2011, saving on resources put into other cameras across district. Clowne to get new cameras shortly |
| 11/01/12 | Clowne | Has previously asked for bins to be collected from behind wall | Community & Street Services | 07/02/2012 | 19 | Advised to present a full bin in windy conditions. Customer does not meet assisted bin collection criteria |
| 12/01/12 | Unknown | Unhappy with how long kept waiting when calling Contact Centre service | Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) | 17/01/2012 | 3 | Telephony report does not show any calls on hold excessively. Customer advised to contact so further details can be taken |
| 16/01/12 | South Normanton | Closure of Contact Centres on Saturday | Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) | 03/02/2012 | 13 | Apology for closures and explanation as to why decision taken i.e. budget pressures, service standards |
| 30/01/12 | Tibshelf | Unhappy that Contact Centres are closed on Saturday, suggestion that they close one day in week instead | Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) | 14/02/2012 | 11 | Apology for inconvenience of closure on Saturday's. Gave all various methods of contact and payment |
| 06/02/12 | South Normanton | Further comments on response letter received in relation to closure of Contact Centres on Saturdays | Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) | 15/02/2012 | 7 | Confirmed nothing further to add to previous e-mail, decision made by elected members |
| 15/02/12 | Shirebrook | Unhappy with length of time taken to answer phone at Contact Centre | Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) | 29/02/2012 | 7 | Apology for any inconvenience caused waiting to be answered. Assurance that ways are being |

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|------------------|-------------|--|------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| | | | | | | looked at to improve on this. Current system does not have function to advise customers how long waiting times are but this is being considered for the future |
| 17/02/12 | Shirebrook | Moved out of Tarran bungalow and heard people have had relocation grants and their properties decorated and carpeted | Housing | 12/03/2012 | 16 | Confirmed letter sent out by the Housing department on 31/01/12; enclosed copy |
| 17/02/12 | Shirebrook | Burgundy bins left in middle of drive again when emptied | Community & Street Services | 08/03/2012 | 14 | Apology for any inconvenience caused. Investigated with contractor and crew have been instructed on leaving bins in correct position |
| 21/02/12 | Bolsover | Cannot find information about swimming at Creswell for over 60's | Leisure | 15/03/2012 | 17 | Apology for difficulites in finding information on website, gave website link and prices |
| 29/02/12 | Shuttlewood | Notice of increased charges for community alarms received twice on same day in two separate envelopes | Housing | 21/03/2012 | 15 | Thanked for bringing this matter to attention and Housing assured resident that arrangements were being made to rectify the matter |
| 01/03/12 | Scarcliffe | Hold planning meetings in a bigger venue | Planning Democratic Services | 26/03/2012 | 17 | Council is currently considering the options. No new Committee date has as yet been set however will advise of the arrangements for this once this has been set |
| 01/03/12 | Scarcliffe | Let public know of future plans for either refurbishment or new facilities of the toilets in Bolsover | Regeneration | 21/03/2012 | 14 | Explanation that the Council provided two toilet facilities but owing to running costs and poor condition of Cavendish Walk toilets, a decision was made to close them |

Table B: SUMMARY OF COMMENTS 01/01/12 - 31/03/12

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| Date Received | Area | Summary of Comment | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Summary of Response |
| 02/03/12 | Barlborough | Unhappy with length of time held on phone and the music being played | Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) | 28/03/2012 | 18 | Thanked customer for comments unfortunately the music cannot be changed at the moment, comments will be considered for any future changes. Apology for the time on hold |
| 05/03/12 | New Houghton | Believe that the Council are failing to provide dignity in care to users of the Clinical Waste scheme | Community & Street Services Customer Service & Performance | 12/03/2012 | 5 | Apology for upset caused, confirmed the stock of clinical waste bags are below standard and the supplier to send replacements. Interim arrangements in place |
| 07/03/12 | Clowne | Live in private property, cannot afford rent after cut to housing benefit. Would like a council bungalow, applied before and told two year wait | Finance & Revenues Housing | 03/04/2012 | 19 | Notification letter sent from Benefits in February advising of change to Local Housing Allowance Scheme and how this would affect customer's claim, Benefits Officer rang on 12th March to make sure it was clear |
| 12/03/12 | Barlborough | Why were certain minutes from council meetings not on website | Democratic Services | 11/04/2012 | 20 | Apology for minutes not being on website, explained procedure for minutes to be published after they have been approved at following meeting. Given link to website as they are now on |
| 12/03/12 | South Normanton | Why has ground rent for car park increased so much each year | Housing | 11/04/2012 | 20 | Rent now charged reflects the cost of providing the service |

Table B: SUMMARY OF COMMENTS 01/01/12 – 31/03/12 Summary of Comment Date Departments No of **Summary of Response** Area Date Received Involved Response work Sent days 13/03/12 Took out fixed price for life Leisure 04/04/2012 Confirmation that membership is at Shirebrook 16 Creswell Leisure Centre and leisure membership which is no longer applicable for concession is no longer available Kissingate 20/03/12 Property is not looked after 16/04/2012 Comments noted by the Housing South Housing 18 properly by tenant Normanton department 27/03/12 Why were toilets at Regeneration 19 Explanation that the Council Unknown 25/04/2012 Cavendish Walk closed provided two toilet facilities but owing to running costs and poor condition of Cavendish Walk toilets, a decision was made to close them 28/03/12 Creswell Leisure Centre male 25/04/2012 Clowne Leisure 18 Staff have been informed to switch changing rooms fan was fan on and off according to disconnected as per request conditions, no switch because of users, but would like it on a children may use inappropriately switch to enable them to switch on and off

Table C: Comments Summary by Department 2011/12

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| Department/Section | 01/04/ | 11 – 30 | /06/11 | U1/U// | <u> 11 – 30</u> | /09/11 | 01/10 | /11– 31/ | 12/11 | 04/01/ | <u> 12 – 31</u> | /03/12 | | | |
| | No. of Comments | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time | No. of Comments | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time | No. of Comments | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time | No. of Comments | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time | No. of Comments | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time |
| Contact Centre | | | | | | | 4 | 4 | | 6 | 6 | | 10 | 10 | |
| Customer Service & Performance Department | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | 5 | 5 | |
| Community & Street Services | 13 | 13 | | 6 | 6 | | 11 | 11 | | 4 | 4 | | 34 | 34 | |
| Housing | 4 | 4 | | | | | 4 | 4 | | 5 | 5 | | 13 | 13 | |
| Legal & Democratic Services | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | |
| Leisure | | | | 3 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | 3 | 3 | | 7 | 7 | |
| Planning | 8 | 8 | | 3 | 3 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 12 | 12 | |
| Environmental Health | | | | 4 | 4 | | 3 | 3 | | | | | 7 | 7 | |
| Regeneration | 4 | 4 | | 3 | 3 | | 8 | 8 | | 2 | 2 | | 17 | 17 | |
| Finance & Revenues | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 4 | 4 | |
| Totals | 34 | 34 | | 20 | 20 | | 31 | 31 | | 26 | 26 | | 111 | 111 | |

| | Table D: Summary of Stage Two Complaints 01/01/12 – 31/03/12 | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Remedy | | | | |
| 03/01/12 | Bolsover | Unhappy with level of service regarding a door repair that has still not been completed after 16 months | Housing | 30/01/12 | 19 | Apologies for work not being completed on time due to contractor's workload. Door now been replaced | | | | |
| 03/01/12 | Sheffield | Unhappy with lack of contact in relation to a privately owned property | Finance & Revenues | 30/01/12 | 19 | Confirmed that Revenues had e-mailed on 04.01.12 but could find no record of complainant's previous e-mail. Changes have now been actioned | | | | |
| 05/01/12 | Unknown | Bin not been collected several times last year and received an unprofessional comment from a refuse operative | Street Services | 01/02/12 | 20 | Asked for customer's address in acknowledgement and response so can investigate further. Gave assurance that refuse team had been reminded of customer service standards | | | | |
| 09/01/12 | Barlborough | Unhappy with service received regarding council tax benefit calculations and amount of time taken for response | Finance & Revenues Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) | 03/02/12 | 19 | Apology for length of time however now resolved with customer. Apology that letter was sent to Revenues Section and not progressed as a formal complaint | | | | |
| 09/01/12 | Clowne | Still unhappy about the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) form | Environmental Health | 06/02/12 | 20 | Advised that we can only help with DFG form if we have had referral from occupational therapist which we have not had | | | | |
| 10/01/12 | Shirebrook | Unhappy with exposed cables left after work carried out | Housing | 07/02/12 | 20 | Power company undertook work to cables serving the intercom system | | | | |

| | | Table D: Summary of Stage | Two Complain | nts 01/01/12 | 2 – 31/0 | 03/12 |
|------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Remedy |
| | | | | | | and remedial works were done a few days later leaving cables temporarily exposed. Contact details given for power supplier if wishing to make a complaint |
| 17/01/12 | Glapwell | Unhappy at being asked to provide proof again of income for benefit application | Finance & Revenues | 13/02/12 | 19 | Apology for length of time taken to resolve and for asking for duplicate information however further information needed for application. Claim assessed and does not qualify |
| 19/01/12 | Barlborough | Concerns over current housing application | Housing | 10/02/12 | 16 | Case sent to independent medical advisors who recommended not to award any additional points, may appeal but need to pay costs which will be refunded if appeal upheld |
| 23/01/12 | South Normanton | Unhappy with baliff's actions, wants case to be looked at again | Finance & Revenues | 17/02/12 | 19 | Confirmed response already sent by bailiff on 30/01/12. Council accepted proposal of £30 payment per month |
| 25/01/12 | Clowne | Various problems regarding claim for housing and council tax benefit | Finance & Revenues | 16/02/12 | 16 | Apology for not sending a copy of a letter out, delay due to complexity of application. Recovery action to continue for council tax arrears |
| 26/01/12 | Clowne | Unhappy that correspondence from Democratic Services not in 18 font and cannot get signature in box on form | Democratic Services | 16/02/12 | 15 | Apology for form going out in standard font size. Sent out enlarged waiver application form and explanation of how to vote in |

| | | Table D: Summary of Stage | e Two Complair | nts 01/01/1 2 | 2 – 31/0 | 03/12 |
|------------------|------------|---|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Remedy |
| 26/01/12 | Bolsover | Been waiting for repairs for last two years | Housing | 14/02/12 | 13 | future without signature Confirmation that letter from Housing (31/01/12) was sent, work completed to customer's satisfaction |
| 03/02/12 | Bolsover | Unhappy with heating system, had engineers out to check it but still having to use two electric heaters. Seeking compensation | Housing | 01/03/12 | 19 | Not appropriate to pay compensation as heating already subsidised and the problem was rectified as soon as it was reported |
| 06/02/12 | Shirebrook | Unhappy with the way requests for cavity wall insulation have been dealt with | Housing | 24/02/12 | 14 | Representative from Consultancy Services Section visited and confirmed cavity wall insulation in place and solid walls given internal insulation. Closed ventilation fan to be installed |
| 10/02/12 | Bolsover | Unhappy with non collection of black bins and information given | Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) Community & Street Services | 29/02/12 | 13 | Evidence from tracker on lorry shows bin not presented on time. Customer Advisor tried to contact customer but was unable to. Apology for any inconvenience |
| 13/02/12 | Creswell | Unhappy that bin was not emptied fully and does not want to leave extra bags out because of rats | Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) Community & Street Services | 28/02/12 | 11 | Due to inclement weather refuse froze in bin and was not fullly emptied. Apology for inconvenience |

| | Table D: Summary of Stage Two Complaints 01/01/12 – 31/03/12 | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|--|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Remedy | | | | | |
| 10/02/12 | Clowne | Still unhappy about the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) form | Customer Service & Performance Environmental Health | 08/03/12 | 19 | Confirmation that decision not to progress with DFG due to absence of referral from Derbyshire County Council so no right of appeal to this Council | | | | | |
| 14/02/12 | Bolsover | Window repair not done within stated timescale and still outstanding | Housing | 02/03/12 | 13 | Apology for length of time taken to repair window. Contractor left cards on three occasions but no response from customer. New appointment made | | | | | |
| 15/02/12 | Creswell | Leaving bin in front of drive and not returning to collection point | Community & Street Services | 08/03/12 | 16 | Apology for inconvenience caused. Both crews have instructions to monitor to stop this happening again | | | | | |
| 15/02/12 | Doe Lea | Repeated reporting of damp walls in bedroom, no inspection on 19/01/12 as promised | Housing | 06/03/12 | 14 | No record found of request for damp problems prior to 13/12/11 when roof tiles replaced and water ingress stopped. Further inspection arranged | | | | | |
| 22/02/12 | Barlborough | Threat of bankruptcy due to council tax arrears – unhappy with Council's approach | Finance & Revenues | 20/03/12 | 19 | Not proceeding with bankruptcy as concerns regarding non payment are being addressed | | | | | |
| 27/02/12 | Pleasley | Ongoing concerns with noise from generator at car boot and starting up too early | Planning Environmental Health | 16/03/12 | 14 | Given assurance that case is being pursued and that Planning will continue to take action to regularise breaches | | | | | |
| 28/02/12 | Bolsover | Been waiting for repairs to gutters since September 2010 | Housing | 22/03/12 | 17 | Work carried out when tenant not present but not solved problem. Replacement guttering carried out | | | | | |

| | | Table D: Summary of Stage | Two Complain | nts 01/01/12 | 2 – 31/0 |)3/12 |
|------------------|----------|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Remedy |
| 29/02/12 | Stanfree | Renovating house and has asked for 100% council tax discount but advised it was 50% | Finance & Revenues | 23/03/12 | 17 | Explanation that cannot give further discount as already had maximum empty property discount allowed, i.e. one year |
| 29/02/12 | Langwith | Unhappy that operatives walked into residents home after briefly knocking and not waiting for door to be opened | Housing | 08/03/12 | 6 | Apology for any upset caused in this matter. Reminder issued to everyone undertaking repairs on behalf of Council of our practice for gaining access |
| 29/02/12 | Creswell | Unhappy with the way housing application being processed | Housing | 23/02/12 | 17 | Not currently on waiting list, asked to contact Housing as soon as possible to discuss situation |
| 05/03/12 | Belper | On behalf of son and daughter-in- law who have been waiting for a new front door for two years and want rehousing | Housing | 28/03/12 | 17 | Replacement door on 2012/13 programme. Housing status given, i.e. points. Advised son and daughter-in-law to contact Housing to discuss any specific requirements |
| 07/03/12 | Hilcote | Problem with damp and mould been in touch before and has been over a year waiting | Housing | 26/03/12 | 13 | Damp caused by condensation, lifestyle, drying clothes on radiators etc. Given resident advice on how to alleviate the problem |
| 07/03/12 | Glapwell | Unhappy with article in Intouch about dog fouling incident | Customer Service & Performance Environmental Health Legal | 29/03/12 | 16 | Apology given and corrected article to be published in next Intouch |

| | | Table D: Summary of Stage | Two Complain | nts 01/01/1 2 | 2 – 31/0 | 03/12 |
|------------------|-------------|--|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Remedy |
| 08/03/12 | Blackwell | Unhappy with increase in service charge on bedsit | Housing | 28/03/12 | 14 | Given breakdown of rent charges, special services, heating and support charges |
| 12/03/12 | Barlborough | Unhappy with litter on roundabout on M1 not being cleared | Street Services | 11/04/12 | 20 | Apology for lack of usual high standard. Arranged for a deep cleanse of area within the next week and increased inspections |
| 15/03/12 | Shirebrook | No written notification received following internal investigation | Housing | 13/04/12 | 19 | Apology that verbal notification was not followed up in writing (Stage 2 response used for the purpose) |
| 21/03/12 | Whitwell | Liability order issued against complainant for arrears for council tax and rent despite efforts to resolve with the Benefits Section | Finance & Revenues, Customer Service & Performance (Contact Centres) | 12/04/12 | 14 | No bank statement received, however apology as claim could have been processed without this and this should have been explained to customer. Claim now being re-assessed and a letter of notification will be sent |
| 22/03/12 | Hilcote | Waiting for repair to internal lift and claims wet room has been wrongly installed | Environmental Health | 16/04/12 | 15 | Works undertaken under a Disabled Facilities Grant and completed in June 2008. DCC not aware of lift problem and will investigate. Wet room problem has already been referred to DCC by complainant's occupational therapist |
| 22/03/12 | Langwith | Refuse lorries churning up grass on industrial estate | Street Services | 13/04/12 | 14 | Arranged for sweeper to clean roads and complainant was happy with this |

| | | Table D: Summary of Stage | Two Complair | nts 01/01/12 | 2 – 31/0 | 03/12 |
|------------------|------------|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Remedy |
| 22/03/12 | Clowne | Unhappy at not receiving a response about a transfer to another property from the Housing Department | Housing | 18/04/12 | 17 | Apology for not replying to previous correspondence. Explanation that current property been adapted for residents needs and the property applied for does not have all these features |
| 22/03/12 | Clowne | Believes application has been wrongly suspended | Housing | 18/04/12 | 12 | Explananation of letters sent and apology for any confusion |
| 28/03/12 | Shirebrook | Complaints regarding the area surrounding footpath B11/9/1, e.g. overgrown, fires | Street Services | 19/04/12 | 13 | Explanation of responsibility for footpath (DCC) and CAN Rangers to patrol/monitor antisocial behaviour |
| 29/03/12 | Bolsover | Failure to process clients Housing and Council Tax Benefit appeal in a timely manner, failure to respond to letters and follow complaints procedures | Finance & Revenues | 18/04/12 | 13 | Apology for the time taken. Benefit procedures reviewed to reduce unnecessary delays in future |
| 29/03/12 | Eastwood | Unhappy with information provided through a subject access request in relation to CAN Rangers job history | Customer Service & Performance | 19/04/12 | 13 | Explanation that no further information is held and assurance that a thorough check has been undertaken |
| 30/03/12 | Clowne | Unhappy with information given by a Benefits Officer in relation to Local Housing Allowance and Discretionary Housing Payment | Finance & Revenues | 18/04/12 | 11 | Explanation of the process to date and information required from the customer before a decision can be made about whether to use a higher rate of Local Housing Allowance |

Table E - Complaints (Stage 2) Summary by Department 2011/12

| Department/Section | 01/04/ | 11 – 30 | /06/11 | 01/07/ | 11 – 30 | /09/11 | 01/10 | /11- 31/ | 12/11 | 04/01/ | 12 – 31 | /03/12 | Tot | tal 2011 | /12 |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| | No. of Complaints | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time | No. of Complaints | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time | No. of Complaints | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time | No. of Complaints | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time | No. of Complaints | No. Responded to in time | No. responded to out of time |
| Contact Centres | 6 | 6 | | 1 | 1 | | 6 | 6 | | 3 | 3 | | 16 | 16 | |
| Customer Service and Performance | 7 | 7 | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 5 | 5 | | 16 | 16 | |
| Community & Street Services | 3 | 3 | | 6 | 6 | | 11 | 11 | | 7 | 7 | | 27 | 27 | |
| Housing | 8 | 8 | | 12 | 12 | | 5 | 5 | | 17 | 17 | | 42 | 42 | |
| HR & Payroll | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 2 | |
| ICT | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Legal & Democratic Services | 6 | 6 | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 2 | 2 | | 12 | 12 | |
| Leisure | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | |
| Planning | 3 | 3 | | 3 | 3 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 7 | 7 | |
| Environmental Health | 3 | 3 | | 2 | 2 | | | | | 5 | 5 | | 10 | 10 | |
| Regeneration | 1 | 1 | | | | | 4 | 4 | | | | | 5 | 5 | |
| Finance & Revenues | 10 | 10 | | 2 | 2 | | 3 | 3 | | 10 | 10 | | 25 | 25 | |
| BCN | | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | |
| Totals | 47 | 47 | | 34 | 34 | | 35 | 35 | | 50 | 50 | | 166 | 166 | |

| | | Table F: Summary of Stage | Three Compl | aints 01/01/ | 12 – 31/ | 03/12 |
|------------------|-------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Date Received | Area | Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Remedy |
| 27/02/2012 | Bolsover | Wants to act as their ex-tenant's representative in order to seek further benefit entitlement | Finance & Revenues | 23/03/12 | 18 | Reiterated information given in Stage Two response is still correct. As no longer the landlord the Council does not recognise the authorisation of the landlord for the tenant in question |
| 07/03/2012 | Bolsover | Claims heating was not rectified straight away and wants compensation as received it last year | Housing | 04/04/12 | 20 | A heating allowance was paid last time which is not applicable this time. Acknowledged that there is an issue during particularly cold spells. Council looking at longer term solutions this year |
| 13/03/2012 | Bolsover | Seeking compensation for having day off work when repairs operative did not keep to appointment | Housing | 12/04/12 | 20 | Apology for inconvenience, however compensation not appropriate as no financial loss suffered |
| 23/03/2012 | Stanfree | Unhappy as wants 100% council tax discount for empty property | Finance & Revenues | 20/04/12 | 18 | The Council does not have any discretion to award further discount as these are prescribed in central government regulations |
| 27/03/2012 | Barlborough | Still unhappy with the way client's Council Tax arrears are being recovered | Finance & Revenues | 26/04/12 | 20 | Re-iterated advice given in Stage Two and advised that a Debt Recovery policy to be written |

| | | Table G: Summary | y of Ombudsm | an Complaint | s 2011/12 | | |
|---|------------|---|-------------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Date Received | Area | LGO's Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response sent | No. of Calendar Days | Date Decision Letter Received | Ombudsman's Decision |
| 25/3/12 (Issued 20/6/12 by LGO, not received at the time. Picked up when checking provisional statistics from LGO) | Clowne | Council failed to deal with complaints about the activities of two football clubs who play on its land. As a result property has suffered repeated damage on days when games are being played | Leisure | No information sought from the Council | | 25/3/12 | To discontinue investigation as there is no evidence of maladministration in the Council's decision to reposition the pitch. The problems are acknowledged and unfortunate but, to some extent, the complainant must accept responsibility for his own injustice because the proposed location of the pitch was public knowledge at the time they bought their house |
| 20/06/11 | Shirebrook | Council's regeneration work carried out in 2007/08 was substandard resulting in continuing need for remedial work to correct faults | Regeneration | No information sought from the Council | | 20/06/11 | Outside jurisdiction as the complainant signed off the works at the time and did not raise any dissatisfaction at the time |
| 15/07/11 | Creswell | Council responsible for the subsidence of complainant's drive and slippage of his land | Planning | Not formally investigated Documents | | 15/07/11 | Outside jurisdiction as complainant did not raise the issue with the |

| | | Table G: Summary | y of Ombudsn | nan Complaint | s 2011/12 | | |
|------------------|-------------|--|---|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Date Received | Area | LGO's Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response sent | No. of Calendar Days | Date Decision Letter Received | Ombudsman's Decision |
| | | | | requested | | | Ombudsman within 12 months of knowing about it |
| 11/08/11 | Barlborough | Council's response to the breaches in planning control has been insufficiently robust to protect the amenity of local residents | Planning | Not formally investigated, documents sent | | 11/08/11 | To discontinue investigation as it is the developer's behaviour which has caused distress, not any maladministration by the Council (note - the LGO has cited good practice in respect of the Council) |
| 05/09/11 | Barlborough | Complaint that Bolsover District Council wrongly advised complainant's employer, a parish council, over matters concerning employment | Legal | No information sought from the Council | | 05/09/11 | Not in jurisdiction and no discretion – the complaint is against the parish council who do not fall within the jurisdiction of the Ombudsman |
| 06/09/11 | Hodthorpe | An article in Intouch breached the code of practice on local authority publicity and that the article had an adverse and unfair impact on public opinion | Customer Service & Performance Legal | Investigated informally | | 06/09/11 | Not to initiate an investigation – no personal injustice caused to the complainant |

| | | Table G: Summary | y of Ombudsn | nan Complain | ts 2011/12 | | |
|------------------|----------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Date Received | Area | LGO's Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response sent | No. of Calendar Days | Date Decision Letter Received | Ombudsman's Decision |
| 14/10/11 | Pinxton | That the Council failed to pass Housing Benefit appeal to the Tribunal despite being asked to | Finance & Revenues | 25/10/11 | 7 | 14/11/11 | Ombudsman to discontinue investigation as the Council has lodged the appeal with the Tribunals Service and that process needs to run its course |
| 22/12/11 | Clowne | Council refusing to rehouse complainant because he has rent arrears at a former tenancy. Complainant disputes arrrears | Housing | 20/1/12 | 22 | | |
| 17/01/12 | Whitwell | Complaint against Council's failure either to adapt former flat or move complainant somewhere more appropriate within a reasonable timescale | Housing | 15/2/12 | 29 | | |
| 05/03/12 | Clowne | Claimed outcome of complaint to Councils Standards Committee was inconsistent with the outcome of complaint to Council about the same matter regarding article in Intouch | Legal | Investigated informally | | 05/03/12 | Not to initiate an investigation as does not consider complainant has experienced significant personal injustice arising from the publication of the article |

| | | Table G: Summar | y of Ombudsm | nan Complain | ts 2011/12 | | |
|------------------|------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Date Received | Area | LGO's Summary of Complaint | Departments Involved | Date Response sent | No. of Calendar Days | Date Decision Letter Received | Ombudsman's Decision |
| 09/03/12 | Clowne | Complaint relates to a Disability Facilities Grant | Environmental Health | 20/03/12 | 11 | | |
| 13/03/12 | Shirebrook | Council has failed to take action to prevent flooding on complainant's street and that both district and County Council are not taking responsibility | Regeneration | 23/03/12 | 10 | | |

| | | Table H - Summary of FOI | Requests 01/0 | 1/12 – 31/ | 3/12 | |
|------------------|--------------|---|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Date Received | Ref Number | Summary of FOI | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Information released |
| 03/01/12 | EIR/294/1112 | Questions in relation to Land Search for named property | BCN Planning Environmental Health | 31/01/12 | 19 | No information held |
| 04/01/12 | F/295/1112 | Details on celebrity appearances at council run talks, events, conferences, dinners over last five years back to January 1st 2007 | Customer Service & Performance | 27/01/12 | 17 | Partially - some information provided, some not held |
| 05/01/12 | F/296/1112 | Questions in relation to temporary event licence applications over last 5 years | Leisure Legal | 30/01/12 | 10 | No information held |
| 05/01/12 | F/297/1112 | List of business rates for current overpayment/ credit shown for financial year if credit balance since 1st April 2000 to date | Finance & Revenues | 30/01/12 | 17 | Yes |
| 06/01/12 | F/298/1112 | Questions on Framework Agreement Contracts and Suppliers | Procurement | 03/02/12 | 20 | Partially - some information provided, some not held |
| 09/01/12 | EIR/299/1112 | Questions in relation to Land Search for named property | BCN Planning Environmental Health | 31/01/12 | 16 | Partially - some information provided, some not held |
| 09/01/12 | F/300/1112 | All public health funerals held in last 4 weeks | Environmental Health | 12/01/12 | 3 | Exempt - Section 21 information available by other means, given web link |
| 10/01/12 | F/301/1112 | From August 2011 until present day how many public health funerals held | Environmental Health | 07/02/12 | 20 | Exempt - Section 21 information available by other means, given web link |
| 11/01/12 | F/302/1112 | Information in relation to business rates and attempted refund of accounts | Finance & Revenues | 02/02/12 | 16 | Yes |

Table H - Summary of FOI Requests 01/01/12 - 31/3/12 Information released **Ref Number Summary of FOI Departments** Date Date No of Received Involved Response work days Sent 11/01/12 F/303/1112 Headcount of staff in post at the beginning HR & Payroll 19/01/12 6 Request withdrawn, new of relevant year who have left organisation request sent in by end of that year for each of last 5 years 11/01/12 F/304/1112 For past 3 years information relating to dog 02/02/12 Environmental 16 Partially - some information provided, some not held fouling Health 12/01/12 F/305/1112 Information on a property in South 17 Partially - some provided Finance & 06/02/12 some exempt - Section 21 Normanton Revenues available by other means (website) 13/01/12 F/306/1112 Information relating to current staffing levels HR & Payroll 02/02/12 14 Yes as at 1st January 2012 13/01/12 F/307/1112 Information on Local Housing Allowance Finance & 07/02/12 17 Partially - some information held, some Section 12 payments to private landlords Revenues exceeds appropriate limit 13/01/12 F/308/1112 02/02/12 14 Names of ratepayers for list of business Finance & Yes premises at McArthur Glen Retail Park Revenues F/309/1112 13/01/12 Up to date list of subcontractors, suppliers 14 Yes Regeneration 02/02/12 and consultants involved in the Enterprise Centre in Shirebrook 16/01/12 F/310/1112 07/02/12 Information relating to land use class (meat Planning Partially - some information 16 processing) held Information relating to pension strain 17/01/12 F/311/11 HR & Pavroll Partially - some information 09/02/12 17 charges in respect of early retirement and Finance & held retirement on health grounds Revenues 18/01/12 F/312/1112 Information in relation to our buildings/ **Customer Service** 08/02/12 15 Yes

& Performance

property portfolio

Table H - Summary of FOI Requests 01/01/12 - 31/3/12 Information released **Ref Number Summary of FOI Departments** Date Date No of Received Involved Response work days Sent F/313/1112 07/02/12 18/01/12 Council headcount per year split by pay HR & Payroll 14 Yes band for monetary equivalents of NJC pay scales F/314/1112 Number of times Council have hired private Finance & 07/02/12 No information held 18/01/12 14 investigators and the cost/reason. Revenues F/315/1112 Cost and number of calls made from staff to 25/01/12 3 No - Refusal (Section 12) -19/01/12 **Customer Service** speaking clock and directory enquiries & Performance exceeds appropriate limit 20/01/12 F/316/1112 Information relating to Private Hire 08/02/12 Partially - some information Legal 13 provided, some not held Operators 20/01/12 Information relating to social housing fraud 17/02/12 20 Partially - some information F/317/1112 Housing provided, some not held 23/01/12 F318/1112 07/02/12 Information relating to authority gross and Finance & 11 Yes net budget for 2006 to 2011 Revenues 23/01/12 F/319/1112 Full list of properties both local authority and 17/02/12 19 Partially, some information Housing housing association sold since 2000 provided, some exceeds appropriate limit (Section 12) 23/01/12 F/320/1112 Details on homeless people for Jan 2009 to Finance & 17/02/12 Partially, some information 19 provided, some exceeds Dec 2010 and Jan 2010 to Dec 2011 Revenues appropriate limit (Section Housing 12) 24/01/12 F/321/1112 List of all Licensed Private Hire Operators 13/02/12 14 Partially - some provided Legal under our borough some exempt - Section 21 available by other means (website) 24/01/12 F/322/1112 How many requests were made to council Housing 09/02/12 12 Partially - some information run public access buildings in 2009, 2010 provided, some not held

Customer Service

Table H - Summary of FOI Requests 01/01/12 – 31/3/12 Information released **Ref Number Summary of FOI Departments** Date Date No of Received Involved Response work Sent days and 2011 to bring a team of ghost & Performance investigators into the building 22/02/12 25/01/12 F/323/1112 Questions relating to price of named Community & 20 Partially - some provided Street Services some exempt - Section 21 services available by other means Leisure (website and web links Housing Environmental given) Health 24/01/12 F/324/1112 Statutory legal measurement requirements Environmental 16/02/12 17 Exempt - Section 21 for making doorways in homes wheelchair Health information available by accessible for council tenants/housing other means BCN association tenants 15/02/12 26/01/12 F/325/1112 Commercial premises which are currently Finance & 14 Yes vacant and where rateable value of the Revenues property exceeds £25,000 26/01/12 F/326/1112 Questions relating to Planning Applications 13/02/12 12 Partially - some information **Planning** for 2010 to 2011 provided, some exempt -Section 21 available by other means (website) 27/01/12 F/327/1112 During each of the last three financial years 17/02/12 15 Partially - some information Environmental how much was spent on legal fees to Health provided, some not held remove travellers from illegal sites 27/01/12 F/328/1112 11 Questions in relation to authority's use of the Legal 13/02/12 Partially - some information provisions under the Regulation of provided, some not held Finance & **Investigatory Powers Act during 2011**

Questions in relation to Land Search for

named property

31/01/12

EIR/329/1112

Revenues

BCN

17/02/12

13

No information held

Table H - Summary of FOI Requests 01/01/12 - 31/3/12 Information released **Ref Number Summary of FOI** Date **Departments** Date No of Received Involved Response work days Sent 02/02/12 F/330/1112 Contact details for named posts 07/02/12 **Customer Service** 3 No information held & Performance 15/02/12 02/02/12 F/331/1112 Contact details for named posts 9 Exempt - Section 21 Customer Service & Performance available by other means (website) Exempt - Section 21 02/02/12 Contact details for named posts 15/02/12 9 F/332/1112 Customer Service available by other means & Performance (website) 02/02/12 F/333/1112 Contact details for named posts Customer Service 15/02/12 9 Exempt - Section 21 & Performance available by other means (website) 02/02/12 F/334/1112 21/02/12 Information regarding household waste Community & 13 Yes collection and contractual information Street Services 06/02/12 F/335/1112 05/03/12 20 Partially - some information Information on Council's energy use Finance & Revenues provided, some not held Regeneration 9 Has authority employed interim managers 06/02/12 F/336/1112 HR & Payroll 17/02/12 Yes within last 3 years HR & Payroll 09/02/12 17 Partially - some information F/337/1112 Information on pay policies 05/03/12 Finance & provided, some not held Revenues 08/02/12 F/338/1112 List of all public health funerals since 9th 13/02/12 Environmental 3 Exempt - Section 21 available by other means January 2012 Health (website) Questions relating to Queens Diamond 09/02/12 F/339/1112 CEO 15/02/12 4 No information held Jubilee and Thames Diamond Jubilee Democratic

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| | | Table H - Summary of FOI I | Requests 01/0 | 1/12 – 31/3 | 3/12 | |
|------------------|------------|--|--|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| Date Received | Ref Number | Summary of FOI | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Information released |
| 10/02/12 | F/340/1112 | Details of power of entry under any relevant acts from 2008 to 2011 | Environmental Health Finance & Revenues Planning Housing Legal | 28/02/12 | 12 | No - Refusal (Section 12) - exceeds appropriate limit |
| 14/02/12 | F/341/1112 | Information regarding Housing Benefit claim numbers and amounts | Finance & Revenues | 07/03/12 | 16 | Yes |
| 14/02/12 | F/342/1112 | Information regarding council mobile phone contracts | Procurement | 09/03/12 | 18 | Yes (and given NEDDC contact details for shared ICT) |
| 16/02/12 | F/343/1112 | How many employees in permanent posts were paid through companies rather than through PAYE | HR & Payroll | 13/03/12 | 18 | No information held |
| 16/02/12 | F/344/1112 | Public Health funerals since November 2011 with no known next of kin | Environmental Health | 21/02/12 | 3 | Exempt - Section 21 available by other means (website) |
| 16/02/12 | F/345/1112 | Breakdown of Disability Facility Grants and Discretionary Grants awarded in last 5 years | Environmental Health Housing | 13/03/12 | 18 | Partially - some information provided, some not held |
| 17/02/12 | F/346/1112 | Questions in relation to use of enforcement services | Finance & Revenues | 14/03/12 | 18 | Partially - some information provided, some not held |
| 16/02/12 | F/347/1112 | Details of empty properties paying a current rateable value above £50,000 | Finance & Revenues | 13/03/12 | 18 | Yes |
| 17/02/12 | F/348/1112 | Details relating to swimming participation in the area | Leisure | 13/03/12 | 17 | Partially - some information provided, some not held |

Table H - Summary of FOI Requests 01/01/12 - 31/3/12 Information released **Ref Number Summary of FOI Departments** Date Date No of Received Involved Response work days Sent 20/02/12 F/349/1112 15/03/12 Information on AcChief Executive's & Community & 18 Yes Partnership Teamable Behaviour Contracts Street Services 20/02/12 F/350/1112 15/03/12 Partially - some information Environmental 18 Primates licenses issued under the Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976 Health provided, some not held 20/02/12 F/351/1112 Full list of properties both local authority and 27/02/12 5 Housing Yes housing association sold since 2000 under the Right to Buy Schemes 20/02/12 No information held F/352/1112 Information on maintenance contracts for Housing 15/03/12 18 council owned housing 21/02/12 F/353/1112 16/03/12 List of all empty commercial properties Finance & 18 Yes within the area Revenues 21/02/12 F/354/1112 Costs of Civic Car purchase CEO 20/03/12 20 Partially - some information provided, some not held 22/02/12 F/355/1112 Information on the history of named **Planning** 19/03/12 18 Partially - some information property, what it was used for provided, some not held Price paid for land on which Shirebrook Regeneration 22/02/12 F/356/1112 19/03/12 18 Yes Enterprise Centre is being built 22/02/12 F/357/1112 Details on any contracts held with Serco 19/03/12 18 No information held Procurement Group Finance &

Number of local government pension

6/7, 7/8, 8/9, 9/10 and 10/11

pianos in last 5 years

scheme members at end of financial years

Noise abatement/noise enforcement against

Business premises which have appropriate

food and/or alcohol licenses to operate

22/02/12

23/02/12

23/02/12

F/358/1112

F/359/1112

F/360/1112

Revenues

Health

Legal

HR & Payroll

Environmental

Environmental

19/03/12

21/03/12

21/03/12

18

19

19

No information held, given

Derbyshire County Council

No - Refusal (Section 12) -

exceeds appropriate limit

available by other means

Exempt - Section 21

details

Table H - Summary of FOI Requests 01/01/12 - 31/3/12 Information released **Ref Number Summary of FOI Departments** Date Date No of Received Involved Response work days Sent Health (website) Partially - some information 23/02/12 F/361/1112 Information around responsive maintenance Housing 21/03/12 19 procurement for social housing stock held, some exempt -Procurement Section 21 available by other means (website) 22/02/12 F/362/1112 Marketing budget for 2012 **Customer Service** 19/03/12 18 Partially - some information provided, some not held & Performance Leisure Community & **Street Services** Regeneration Housing 24/02/12 F/363/1112 Information regarding Senior Information **Customer Service** 21/03/12 18 Yes Risk Owners or Officers & Performance 24/02/12 21/03/12 18 F/364/1112 Redundancy, resignations, staff and HR & Payroll Yes disciplinary actions 24/02/12 F/365/1112 Number of open space sites and the area in No - Refusal (Section 12) -Planning 21/03/12 18 square metres of open space exceeds appropriate limit 28/02/12 F/366/1112 Information required of plans and council tax 26/03/12 19 Planning Yes paid on named property Finance & Revenues Environmental Health 27/03/12 Exempt - Section 21 28/02/12 F/367/1112 20 Information on planning approval on land Planning between Ball Hill, Corn Close and the M1 available by other means

(website)

Motorway

Table H - Summary of FOI Requests 01/01/12 - 31/3/12 Information released **Ref Number Summary of FOI** Date **Departments** Date No of Received Involved Response work Sent days 28/02/12 F/368/1112 Details of who provides our Childcare HR & Payroll 26/03/12 19 Yes Voucher service 28/02/12 F/369/1112 Details of investments in Icelandic financial Finance & 26/03/12 19 Yes institutions prior to collapse in 2008 Revenues 29/02/12 F/370/1112 How many automatic wash/dry toilets are Housina. 26/03/12 18 Yes provided via Disabled Facility Grants in Environmental 2010/11 and 2011/12 Health 01/03/12 F/371/1112 Coaching in our organisation HR & Payroll 26/03/12 17 No information held Questions on planning applications 01/03/12 F/372/1112 **Planning** 26/03/12 17 Yes List of all properties with rateable value in 02/03/12 F373/1112 Finance & 28/03/12 18 Yes excess of £2,600 currently vacant Revenues Customer Service 06/03/12 Exempt - Section 21 05/03/12 F/374/1112 Information on parking spaces 1 available by other means & Performance (website) F/375/1112 29/03/12 Members allowances, council tax and HR & Payroll Partially - some exempt -05/03/12 18 pension contributions Finance & Section 21 available by other means (website) Revenues 06/03/12 Chief Executive's 30/03/12 18 F/376/1112 Questions regarding third sector services Partially - some information & Partnership provided, some not held and projects Team 05/03/12 EIR/377/1112 Questions in relation to Land Search for 29/03/12 No information held **BCN** 18

Environmental

03/04/12

20

Exempt - Section 21

(website)

available by other means

Health

Planning

named property

belt

How many planning applications have been

granted since 1st January 2007 which

resulted in development of land on green

F/378/1112

06/03/12

Table H - Summary of FOI Requests 01/01/12 – 31/3/12 Information released **Ref Number Summary of FOI Departments** Date Date No of Received Involved Response work days Sent 05/03/12 F/379/1112 Properties which are currently vacant with Finance & 29/03/12 18 Yes rateable values in excess £250.000 Revenues 06/03/12 F/380/1112 How many gypsies and travellers have been Environmental 30/03/12 18 No information held evicted from authorised sites in each of last Health 3 years F/381/1112 07/03/12 Information on provision of lone worker 20 Partially - some information Housing 04/04/12 devices and Telecare equipment Community & provided, some not held Street Services F/382/1112 Information on health and safety at 04/04/12 19 Partially - some information 08/03/12 Environmental workplace in relation to slipping Health provided, some not held 09/03/12 F/383/1112 04/04/12 18 Information on Pet Shop Licensing Environmental Yes Health 12/03/12 F/384/1112 Licensing Exempt - Section 21 List of addresses in area that have been 03/04/12 16 granted a premises under the Licensing Act available by other means 2003 to authorise the supply of alcohol for (website) consumption on the premises F/385/1112 13/03/12 Average salary of staff and average number HR & Payroll 05/04/12 17 Partially - some information of sick days per headcount provided, some not held F/386/1112 19/03/12 15/03/12 Has council bought any tickets for the **Customer Service** 2 No information held Olympic events & Performance 16/03/12 F/387/1112 Number of Councillors and vacancies HR & Payroll 05/04/12 14 Partially - some information Democratic provided, some not held Services 18 Questions in relation to use of enforcement Partially - some information 16/03/12 F/388/1112 Environmental 11/04/12 services within local authority area Health provided, some not held 16/03/12 F/389/1112 List of all Non Domestic rate accounts that Finance & 12/04/12 19

Revenues

are currently in receipt of mandatory relief

Yes

Table H - Summary of FOI Requests 01/01/12 – 31/3/12 Information released **Ref Number Summary of FOI Departments** Date Date No of Received Involved Response work days Sent 19/03/12 F/390/1112 13/04/12 Details of all premises with Zoo Licences 19 No information held Environmental Health 19/03/12 F/391/1112 Contact for allotment societies 13/04/12 19 Regeneration Yes Partially - some information Chief Executive's 13/04/12 19 19/03/12 F/392/1112 Request for information on services for young people provided, some not held & Partnership Team **Customer Service** & Performance Leisure 19/03/12 F/393/1112 Confirmation on any plans to amend fees in 13/04/12 19 No information held Legal relation to local searches Information in relation to NNDR accounts in 19/03/12 F/394/1112 Finance & 13/04/12 19 Yes Revenues credit 20/03/12 F/395/1112 Amount of money council is spending on a Extension applied (Section Housing property in South Normanton No information held 21/03/12 F/396/1112 17/04/12 Interim staff at a cost of £400 per day or Finance & 16 Revenues more Housing Planning F/397/1112 Information on New Homes Bonus funding 16/04/12 Exempt - Section 21 21/03/12 16 Finance & available by other means Revenues (website) **Customer Service** & Performance 22/03/12 F/398/1112 Information on areas identified as flood risk 13/04/12 Exempt - Section 21 **Planning** 16 available by other means, areas given link to website 26/03/12 F/399/1112 List of all public health funerals in last 4 Environmental 19/04/12 16 Exempt - Section 21 available by other means, weeks Health

given link to website

| Date Received | Ref Number | Summary of FOI | Departments Involved | Date Response Sent | No of work days | Information released |
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| 27/03/12 | F/400/1112 | Information relating to empty houses within the authority | Housing Regeneration Finance & Revenues | 19/04/12 | 14 | Partially - some information provided, some not held |
| 28/03/12 | F/401/1112 | Details of CCTV systems as they relate to taxis and private hire vehicles | Licensing | 20/04/12 | 15 | Partially - some information provided, some not held |
| 28/03/12 | F/402/1112 | Copies of food standard and hygiene reports carried out for hospitals in area since January 1st 2011 | Environmental Health | 20/04/12 | 15 | Yes |
| 29/03/12 | F/403/1112 | Tender documents for the delivery of a bespoke businesss start up programme for people with disabilities | Procurement | | | Extension applied (Section 10) |
| 29/03/12 | EIR/404/1112 | Questions in relation to Land Search for named property | BCN Environmental Health | 25/04/12 | 14 | No information held |

Table I: Freedom of Information Requests by Department 2011/12

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| Department/Section | 1/4/11- 30/6/11 | | | 1/07/11 – 30/9/11 | | | 1/10/11 – 31/12/11 | | | 4/1/12 - 31/3/12 | | Total | | |
| | No. of Requests | No. Responded to in time | No. out of time | No. of Requests | No. Responded to in time | No. out of time | No. of Requests | No. Responded to in time | No. out of time | No. of Requests | No. Responded to in time No. Out of time | No. of Requests | No. Responded to in time | No. out of time |
| CEO | 1 | 1 | | | | | 1 | 1 | | 2 | 2 | 4 | 4 | |
| Chief Executive's & Partnership Team | | | | | | | | | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| Customer Service & Performance | 13 | 13 | | 8 | 8 | | 11 | 11 | | 17 | 17 | 46 | 46 | |
| Community & Street Services | 8 | 8 | | 7 | 7 | | 8 | 8 | | 5 | 5 | 28 | 28 | |
| Legal & Democratic | 11 | 11 | | 9 | 9 | | 11 | 11 | | 9 | 9 | 40 | 40 | |
| Finance & Revenues | 33 | 33 | | 32 | 32 | | 21 | 21 | | 30 | 30 | 116 | 116 | |
| Housing | 7 | 7 | | 2 | 2 | | 6 | 6 | | 16 | 16 | 31 | 31 | |
| HR & Payroll | 19 | 19 | | 8 | 8 | | 15 | 15 | | 14 | 14 | 56 | 56 | |
| ICT | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | 3 | 3 | |
| Leisure | 2 | 2 | | 4 | 4 | | 3 | 3 | | 4 | 4 | 13 | 13 | |
| Planning | | | | 10 | 10 | | 7 | 7 | | 13 | 13 | 30 | 30 | |
| Environmental Health | 14 | 14 | | 27 | 27 | | 14 | 14 | | 28 | 28 | 83 | 83 | |
| Procurement | | | | 4 | 4 | | 1 | 1 | | 5 | 5 | 10 | 10 | |
| Regeneration | 16 | 16 | | 11 | 11 | | 6 | 6 | | 7 | 7 | 40 | 40 | |
| BCN | | | | | | | 7 | 7 | | 6 | 6 | 13 | 13 | |
| Totals | 125 | 125 | | 122 | 122 | | 113 | 113 | | 155 | 155 | 515 | 515 | |