



Freedom of Information Act Request

Reference: F16/0015

Response Date: 18 April 2016

Thank you for your request for information. Your original request to Maldon District Council has been replicated below, together with the Council's response:

1. *Have you introduced a selective landlord licensing scheme?* **No**
2. *When did you introduce your selective licensing scheme(s)? Is it borough wide or specific neighbourhoods?* **N/A**
3. *What is the license fee (or fee structure)? How did you determine this structure? Does this make the scheme self-financing?* **N/A**
4. *How has the income from the license fee been used to improve housing?* **N/A**
5. *Since selective licensing was introduced, how many landlords have been prosecuted for a) failing to obtain a license under the selective licensing scheme and b) other offences under Parts 1 and 2 of the Housing Act 2004?* **N/A**
6. *For the participating areas, what evidence do you have that your selective licensing scheme has impacted anti-social behaviour issues?* **N/A**
7. *What evidence do you have that a) selective licensing has helped identify sub-par landlords and b) has improved conditions in the private rented sector?* **N/A**
8. *If you do not participate in a selective landlord licensing scheme a) why not and b) do you have any alternative structures and or systems in place to evaluate landlords in the private rented sector?*
 - a) *Maldon District Council does not currently consider it necessary to participate in the selective licensing scheme. The area is relatively affluent with no particular areas of low demand housing or antisocial behaviour. Some poor property conditions have been identified but these are in small pockets and not widespread. There is no evidence to suggest large amounts of inward migration, high deprivation or high crime.*
 - b) *There are no plans to develop an alternative structure or system. Maldon District Council will continue to respond to complaints and review private sector policy and strategy in light of that experience and other information from sources such as the census and house condition surveys.*
9. *Do you have any plans to discuss the implementation of a selective landlord licensing scheme in the future?*



Not directly, the Council will continue to review its position should matters significantly change.

If you are not satisfied with our response to your request please let us know. If we are unable to resolve the matter quickly then you may wish to pursue this through the Council's complaints procedure and request that an internal review be undertaken. A request for an internal review must be submitted within two months of the date of the receipt of the response to your original information request. Complaints should be made in writing to the Council at Princes Road, Maldon CM8 5DL or by email to Complaints@maldon.gov.uk or by using the form available on the Council's website at <http://www.maldon.gov.uk>.

If an internal review is undertaken and you are dissatisfied with the outcome, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

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