

# Freedom of Information request 4734/2012

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## Information request

According to its records, London Borough of Waltham Forest received substantial sums from a DWP run programme named City Strategy Pathfinder. Please will you send me copies of any written material, of any kind, that you hold relating to this funding.

## DWP response

We estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £600. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for central Government it is set at £600. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Department holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Department is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further. However, we have been able to identify the following information within a reasonable time and resource limit which I hope you will find helpful.

East London City Strategy Pathfinder, which included Waltham Forest, received the following funding:

### Seedcorn:

2006/07	£110,000
2007/08	£210,000
2009/10	£166,660
2010/11	£166,660

### Deprived Areas Fund:

2007/08	£7,584,731
2008/09	£5,872,643

Seedcorn funding was provided to the City Strategy Pathfinders to cover the costs of establishing and running a core team to co-ordinate, monitor and deliver the City Strategy, and to develop the capacity of the partnerships to develop and deliver local policies to tackle worklessness in deprived areas.

The Deprived Areas Fund was set up as a flexible fund of approximately £60m per annum to tackle worklessness and the associated social exclusion in the most deprived areas. From 2007/8 roughly half was allocated to be used by City Strategy Pathfinders.

These payments were made to East London City Strategy Pathfinder. We do not hold information on how this was distributed between the local authorities who formed the consortium that delivered this Pathfinder.

If you would like additional information you may want to consider submitting a new request focussing on a more narrow category of information, it may be that we could comply with that request within the appropriate limit, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case.

Please note that if I do not receive appropriate clarification of your information requirements within three months from the date of this letter, then I will consider your request closed.