

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your enquiry dated 7 June 2011.

Please find below the information you have requested.

Response

RMBC have just produced their latest LDF Public Consultation report (see link)

<http://modern.gov.rotherham.gov.uk/mgConvert2PDF.aspx?ID=42688>

Under the Freedom of Information act, can you please answer the following questions :

According to the new report, Rotherham Council anticipates that 12,750 homes will need to be built for the period 2012 to 2027. On the basis of this figure please could you answer the following questions :

1). As at 2006 RMBC's population was estimated at around 253,000 (please correct if necessary).

Office for National Statistics 2006 Mid-Year Estimates (2010 revised dataset) estimated Rotherham's population at 252,300 – dataset here:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=15106>

What are the population growth projections that RMBC have made regarding Rotherham's population over :

RMBC has not made population growth projections – we have used those which are produced for all local authority areas by the Office for National Statistics. Latest are 2008-based Sub-National population projections <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=997>

(a) the period stated in the cabinet report ie up to 2027

The ONS estimated population growth in Rotherham is 19,000 for the 15 year period between 2012 and 2027

(b) any population projections beyond 2027 that RMBC might currently have (e.g up to 2040 etc).

ONS projections currently only available up to 2033. These suggest further growth of 6,400 from 2027.

2) With regard to the population growth that RMBC has identified in both question 1a and 1b above can you please break down the population increase into the following categories :

ONS break down the population increase in the following:

i) Natural population change across Rotherham (ie net population growth e.g x thousand people)

Natural change = 10,400 (to 2033 = 12,500)

ii) Internal Migration (ie net population movement into Rotherham from other areas within the UK)

Internal Migration = 6,100 (to 2033 = 9,300)

iii) Overseas Migration (ie population movement into Rotherham from outside Great Britain)

International Migration = 3,000 (to 2033 = 3,800)

***Note that figures may not add up exactly due to roundings to nearest 100 by ONS.**

3) If you have identified a population figure for Internal migration (ii above) can you please provide an analysis of how you have arrived at that figure both a) up to 2027 and b) beyond 2027 . ie where are you assuming any internal migration comes from and in what numbers (e.g Sheffield xxx thousand people / Barnsley xxxx thousand etc)

Internal migration is part of the sub-national population dataset release from the Office for National Statistics:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=997> which also provides their full methodology.

Population projections are based on long term trends which suggest a net inflow averaging 407 per annum between 2012 and 2027.

They do not release projected internal migration flows between each local authority area although they do produce historic movements:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=15148&Pos=3&ColRank=2&Rank=544>

Some historic rates:

A high proportion of migration takes place between Rotherham and neighbouring districts as follows (2006 - 2009).

Barnsley: average inflow of 580 per annum, net outflow of 140

Doncaster: average inflow of 700 per annum, net outflow of 73

Sheffield: average inflow of 1,850 per annum, net inflow of 500

Bassetlaw: average inflow of 247 per annum, net outflow of 167

Inward migration from the above four districts represented 51.7% of internal migration into Rotherham 2006 - 2009, with Sheffield contributing 28.3%

4. For each year in the period 2000-2010 can you please identify how many new homes were built in Rotherham e.g 600 in 2000 / 580 in 2001 etc

Housing Completions in Rotherham:

1999/2000 = 790

2000/01 = 948

2001/02 = 1,092

2002/03 = 890

2003/04 = 612

2004/05 = 638

2005/06 = 503

2006/07 = 561

2007/08 = 635

2008/09 = 751

2009/10 = 414

2010/11 = 552

5. Have Council House waiting lists been used in constructing the 850 homes per year targets - ie were they taken into account when constructing this figure? Please outline how housing waiting lists have been used in developing RMBC's new LDF proposals

No – the housing target is based on the best available evidence of current and future levels of need and demand for housing and affordability levels

6. Of the 12,500 new homes that are envisaged up to 2027 can you please identify how many of this housing target can be attributed to / related to housing waiting lists ?

None – as per answer to Q5.

7. If RMBC have produced estimates of new homes needed after 2027 but are not included in the Cabinet report, what are the latest estimates of new housing needed per annum after 2027 and up to whatever date RMBC may have given consideration to (e.g up to 2040)

None produced.

In accordance with the procedures of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC), I am advising you that the cost to the authority in responding to this request has been £133.52 which reflects the staff time and administration costs involved. RMBC however does not currently make any charge to customers for processing Freedom of Information Act requests.

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