

Request:

1. The number of applications for Discretionary Housing Payments that were rejected by the council during 2017/18

The number of Refused Discretionary Housing Payments for 2017/18 was 394

We do not record the number of refused Universal Credit – Discretionary Housing Payments

2. The total combined value of the DHPs unsuccessfully applied for in the applications referred to in response to question 1

Question excluded as per further communication from requestor.

3. Any breakdown of the reasons for the rejection of the applications referred to in response to question 1.

The reasons for the Rejection of the Discretionary Housing Payments are as follows;

232 = AFFORD – has sufficient income to meet housing costs

13 = CAPITAL – has capital above £1000

3 = FAILED – did not respond to request for evidence or further information

127 = NQ – did not meet DHP criteria

19 = OTHER – various e.g. claimant with expired DHP claims and shows no reasonable indication of trying to improve their circumstances.