**WBCIR:18980**

**I request the following information:**

1. **How many youth centres was the council operating each year from the 2010/2011 financial year to end of the 2023/2024 financial year?**

We had 7 Youth centres; these are outlined below. We don’t hold the specific dates of when from 2010/2011 they stopped operating.

* Bulmershe Youth Centre -Woodley
* Twyford Youth Centre - Twyford
* Silverdale Youth Centre - Earley
* Wokingham Youth Centre - Wokingham
* Centre Point Youth Centre – Lower Earley
* Woodley Airfield Centre – Woodley
* The Villages Youth Project – out in Arborfield

Childrens Services have advised we also had a few offshoots of our clubs i.e. we had village halls in Shinfield and held a group at Rainbow park, at the time of youth service closure all were closed but I believe there is now something running at Rainbow park but not sure who runs it now.

1. **How many youth centres operated by councils were closed between 2010/2011 to the end of the 2023/2024 financial year? All the above were closed and I do not have the dates of these.**

* Bulmershe Youth Centre -Woodley - CLOSED
* Twyford Youth Centre – Twyford - CLOSED by WBC but taken over by Twyford village council.
* Silverdale Youth Centre – Earley- CLOSED
* Wokingham Youth Centre – Wokingham- CLOSED as a youth centre in 2013 then Explorers and DofE moved in around 2015.
* Centre Point Youth Centre – Lower Earley- CLOSED
* Woodley Airfield Centre – Woodley- CLOSED
* The Villages Youth Project – out in Arborfield- CLOSED

**3.How many youth centres previously operated by councils were closed between the start of January 2024 and the end of October 2024?**

None

**4. How many council operated youth centres were open at the end of the 2023/24 financial year?**

None

**5. How many council operated youth centres were open at the end of October 2024?**

None

**6. How much did the council spend on youth services each year between the 2010/11 financial year and end of 2023/24 financial year?**

The council works with children and their families across a range of statutory and non-statutory services. Although not specifically aimed at them, some of the children accessing these may happen to be within a youth age bracket (i.e. 13- 18).

For the purposes of this FOI, which is specifically about youth services, the figures provided relate to services that are aimed at young people who may be described as youths.

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|  | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** | **2019** | **2020** | **2021** | **2022** | **2023** |
| **Youth Club Actuals** | 884,029 | 658,118 | 659,343 | 594,236 | 349,979 | 260,058 | 163,998 | 54,543 | 58,234 | 68,489 | 65,385 | 43,378 | 42,751 | 45,415 |