

East Lothian Council

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In the government's white paper '[Fixing our broken housing market](#)', published on 7 February 2016, the government said "we are going to consult on a new standard methodology for calculating 'objectively assessed need' [as relates to housing], and encourage councils to plan on this basis. We will insist that every area has an up-to-date plan."

Government also said they would be "Holding local authorities to account through a new housing delivery test."

Please may I request the following information under the FOI act:

1) What information, documentation or consultation, if any, your council has received on a "new standard methodology for calculating 'objectively assessed need'"; and

This matter does not relate to Scotland. Therefore East Lothian Council (ELC) has not received any information etc on this issue.

2) When your housing plan was last updated, including a copy of the housing plan in question; and

ELC's existing Local Housing Strategy, which covers the period 2012-17, is now out of date. A new strategy has been drafted covering the period 2018-23. This is currently open for consultation until Friday 9 March 2018 and, once approved, it is anticipated that the final document will be published in Spring 2018. A link to the [consultation](#) is provided for information, along with a PDF copy of the East Lothian Local Housing Strategy 2012-17.

3) What information, documentation or consultation, if any, your council has received on a "new housing delivery test".

As with question 1, ELC has not received any information on this issue as it does not relate to Scotland.