

East Lothian Council

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In regards to the questionnaire below on how the council operates its Direct Labour Organisation (DLO) stores could you please disclose the following information;

1. How is the DLO operated?

- (a) DLO(s) only**
- (b) Contractors only**
- (c) DLO & Contractors**

DLO and Contractors

2. The name your DLO operates under?

Property Maintenance

3. Is the DLO a Limited (separate) company?

- (a) Yes**
- (b) No**

No

4. Does the DLO office have its own stores?

- (a) Yes: In House**
- (b) Yes: Contracted Out**
- (c) No: Just local trade accounts**

Yes – in house

5. If 'Yes: Contracted out', who is the store provider? For example Buildbase, Drews Limited, Travis Perkins, Jewson Limited

Not applicable

It may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. It does not apply to views, opinions, intentions or general questions. In view of this, some of the questions asked are not technically valid for the purposes of this legislation as they are not requests for specific recorded information that East Lothian Council may or may not hold. In order to assist you, however, colleagues have addressed the questions posed to the best of their knowledge. For future reference, a link to the "Tips for Requesters" page of the Scottish Information Commissioner's website has been provided which you may find useful:

<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/YourRights/Tipsforrequesters.aspx>