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Request

We are reviewing our approach to the sale of council land (particularly to residents seeking garden land) and carrying out some benchmarking with other local authorities to determine the approach taken elsewhere. I would be grateful for any information you may be able to share in relation to the following:

- What is the council's approach to the sale/purchase of council land? Is this permitted?
- Is there criteria for sale?
- Does the council have a standard cost per sqm for land? Or is this calculated on a case by case basis?
- Is there an application process? Is this online? Does the council charge a fee (refundable or non-refundable) to process this?

I would be grateful for any links or other information you can provide on your approach.

Response

- 1- The councils standard approach is to say no to the sale of council land. However there are instances where the council has sold very small pieces of land.**
- 2- There is no criteria for sale as such., its very much on a case by case basis.**
- 3- There is no standard cost per sq m, it is very much based on a case by case basis due to what type of land it is and what it is intended to be used for. On each occasion it's a negotiation.**
- 4- There is no formal application process. It normally starts with someone sending an email in making an initial enquiry. In a situation where agreement is reached to sell a piece of land, it is normally the case that the council ensures the purchaser pays the councils reasonable legal and officers time in dealing with the case.**

