**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000/ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council’s response to your questions is shown below. The Council [holds / does not hold] the information.

**You asked:**

**1. How many visits and meetings abroad you have made on council business since you became Mayor of Leicester including before becoming elected (at first a referendum denied to Leicester city residents)**

The City Mayor has not attended any visits abroad that were solely about council business. Since election as City Mayor in 2011, he has not made any visits abroad at the council’s expense.

As City Mayor and a decades long resident of the city he regularly travels for personal interest and pleasure, and at the same time takes the opportunity to learn more about other cultures and communities for the benefit of Leicester. That travel will be both national and international. As a well-known figurehead of Leicester, the City Mayor is always mindful of being a representative of the city council and the city.

**2. The times and reasons for those visits**

This information is not held by Leicester City Council as it relates to the City Mayor’s personal travel arrangements. Therefore, this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

**3, Why you felt you needed to meet with others and who they represented**

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**4. Where those visits and meetings took place**

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