

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

On how many occasions since the start of this calendar year has your authority paid a casual worker or a consultant at a rate in excess of £500-per-day (excluding VAT)?

For each occasion provide the daily rate of pay, the job that they were employed to do and the name of the company (if applicable) that was paid for their services.

NOTE: If a consultant/shift worker was employed for more than one day – please work out the average daily rate and supply me with the total they were paid and the number of days they worked for the authority ONLY if the average daily rate is in excess of £500 (excluding VAT).

ANSWER:

Please see attached for response.

Leicester City Council has significantly reduced the amount it spends on consultants. We achieved a 67 per cent reduction in the financial year 2011/12. So far this year, we have achieved a further 27 per cent reduction, based on the same period last financial year. To help us achieve this we established a small vacancy management team. This looks after all contract management, negotiation of terms and demand challenges all vacancies before contracts are placed.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre**

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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