

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 for:

Information on why New Walk Centre may have to come down.

How much this will cost and reason why.

The cost of moving and the options the council are looking at.

ANSWER

The City Council commissioned a report on the structure of New Walk Centre which was received in June 2010 which identified that there were structural issues with the building which required an immediate reduction of load in the building and a requirement that the Council actively look towards strengthening the building or vacating within a reasonable timescale.

The Council are now targeting a vacation of the buildings by the end of 2013 and have been considering options for the replacement of NWC whether by renting offices in the city centre, buying an alternative building or possible redevelopment of the existing site.

The cost of demolition is unknown at present as it will be subject to a procurement process nearer the time. The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this part of the 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.

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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

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Lynn Wyeth

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