

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:

Do you have banner advertising/sponsorship on lamp posts?

ANSWER:

Whilst we have banners on lamp-posts across the city these are not used for advertising or sponsorship in a commercial sense. Instead they are used to either reinforce the branding for the city to help signpost specific facilities eg Universities, leisure facilities etc, to mark the identity of specific areas of the city such as the Golden Mile, or to promote major events for example this year they were used for the Jubilee and Olympics.

If so how many do you have?

We have approximately 500 lamp-posts which are used for banners across the city, although not all of them are used at any one time.

How often do you change them?

There is no specific programme to determine when the banners are changed it depends on factors such as the timing of major events. Even when banners are changed it can be restricted to a small number at any one time. Not all of the lamp-posts that have the fixings are available for use.

How much money does the Council spend on them?

This is entirely dependent on what might be needed in any 12 month period. There is no set budget for production, installation and removal of banners, instead this is factored into the specific marketing / events campaigns as and when they are done.

Do you allow advertising on the banners?

No advertising for commercial reasons is not permitted and regardless there are Advertising regulations which place specific restrictions on this.

If so how much revenue has the Council received in the last 12 months?

As per the response above - this is not applicable.

Who do you have the contract with to supply brackets etc and posters?

The contract is with Bay Media.

When is the contract up for renewal and where will you be advertising it?

A number of contracts have been entered into by Leicester City Council with Bay Media. The last one being in 2012. The contract terms in each instance are effective for 10 years. There is no provision in the contract for its renewal. Our usual approach is to advertise via Source Leicestershire.

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