

## 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:

**Please can you provide me with the financial details of what the council spends on legal services per year both internally and externally?**

Annual internal spend (budget) on Legal Services (subject to Organisational Review).

Account	Cur Budget
Employee Costs	2,873,700
Controllable Running Costs	289,100
Controllable Expenditure	3,162,800

3-year average annual external (disbursements) spend is £1.4 million.

Please note, the "disbursements" figure includes all costs chargeable on a file, including Expert Reports (usually imposed by the Court), Court Fees as well as Counsel's costs.

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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](mailto: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](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

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