

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 provide me with the following information.

The total cost to the Council of the Queen's visit to Leicester on March 8 2012. This includes, but is not limited to: the costs of road closures, staff time (including planning) and security arrangements.

The overall cost to the city council for the Royal visit was £85,851. This was the first visit of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee tour, and was the first time that Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge had accompanied the Queen at a public engagement.

The day included three major visits to different locations in the city. Our partner organisations De Montfort University and Leicester Cathedral met the costs associated with the elements of the visit they hosted and we are not able to provide details of the costs they incurred.

The scale of this visit, and the public interest that it had generated, meant that the crowd safety and security requirements were considerable. We took ongoing advice from the police and the Royal Household. In the end, costs associated with road closures, barriers, security, crowd safety and associated staffing accounted for over £65,000 of the total costs to the council.

The visit was enjoyed by many thousands of local people and visitors to the city. It was a special moment in the city's history and a unique opportunity for us to show our strengths as a proud, diverse and modern city.

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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

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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