

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:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for information on trips abroad by councillors and senior council officers over the last five years.

Specifically:

1a) How many trips abroad were taken by councillors or senior council officers in 2011/12?

- b) The same for 2010/11**
- c) The same for 2009/10**
- d) The same for 2008/09**
- e) The same for 2007/08**

2a) What was the total cost of all trips abroad taken by councillors or senior council officers in 2011/12?

- b) The same for 2010/11**
- c) The same for 2009/10**
- d) The same for 2008/09**
- e) The same for 2007/08**

3a) For each trip in 2011/12 please provide a breakdown listing the destination, name of the councillors or senior council officers who embarked on the trip, cost of the individual trip, who paid for the trip, duration of the trip, the purpose of the trip, the mode of transportation, what class of travel they took (ie Business Class/First Class/Economy etc), the name of hotel(s) stayed at, and cost of hotel accommodation.

- b) The same for 2010/11**
- c) The same for 2009/10**
- d) The same for 2008/09**
- e) The same for 2007/08**

Please note, senior officers are to be taken as those defined as chief officers in the Localism Act 2011 (s43(2))

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/part/1/chapter/8/enacted>

Please find the relevant information attached. There are two documents; the Civic Support and Overseas Link expenditure detail for the period requested.

The visit to Chongqing/Ludhiana in May 2009 was a combined Overseas Link/Civic Support visit and therefore appears in both documents.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use. Please be aware that any commercial or other use, for example publication, sale, or redistribution may be a breach of copyright under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as amended unless you obtain the copyright holder's prior permission.

Not all the information that is supplied which is covered by copyright will be the Council's copyright, for example it may be the copyright of a government department or another Council. You should seek either the Council's consent or their consent as appropriate. The Council is willing to advise you of any such potential issues on request. In order to make a request to re-use the information please contact the Information Governance Manager using the details below.

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.