

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 could you provide me with information on how much the Council spent; i) on cycling infrastructure (cycle lanes, cycle parking, storage etc) in financial years of 2012, 2011 and 2010 as well as ii) how much the council expects to spend on cycling infrastructure in 2013

ANSWER

Cycling infrastructure schemes are primarily delivered as part of much larger integrated transport projects. Therefore we would have to investigate each of these projects.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

There are up to 10 separate schemes per year over each of the 3 years you have requested, plus the prospective year ahead. Each of these have an element of cycling provision. A list of schemes that included some element of infrastructure (2010-2012) and prospective schemes in 2013 is attached.

To get the information you are requesting would involve looking at each of these projects which will take approximately 2 hours per scheme. This would take over 30×2 hours = over 60 hours

This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. We do have a duty to advise and assist you in refining your request under s16 of the Act so please don't hesitate to contact us if you need help in refining your request.

This also assumes that any information is available in a format that readily identifies cycling as a separate piece of infrastructure, which in most cases it does not. This would therefore be information the council does not hold.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Customer Access
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

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