

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:

Have you used funds from the New Homes Bonus to fund or support housing development?

How many homes (a) have been completed or (b) are under construction, have been funded in whole or part by the New Homes Bonus?

Have you used funds from the New Homes Bonus to contribute towards the council's general fund?

Our response:

New Homes Bonus (NHB) is part and parcel of the general grants given to the city council. It is not ring-fenced to any specific purposes, and much of the cost to the national Exchequer has been funded by cutting other monies paid to local authorities. The council regards the money as part of the general fund, and decisions on how it is spent are taken as part of the council's overall budget consideration. NHB is not earmarked as part of these decisions – the totality of the council's budget is determined by prioritising the needs of our communities in the round.

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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

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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