

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 wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, that you supply me with:

- The amount spent on legal costs in the claims for judicial review brought in relation to the award of GCSE English qualifications in August 2012, cases numbers CO/11409/2012 and CO/11413/2012

ANSWER:

Leicester City Council did not get involved in this litigation and therefore did not incur any legal costs in respect of the litigation itself.

- The number of staff hours worked in relation to these cases
- The cost of the staff time spent working in relation to these cases.

ANSWER:

We did assess the merits of engaging in this proposed joint claim, and in doing so conversations took place between lawyers and officers within the Children's Services Directorate. It is estimated that probably an hour of lawyer time was dedicated to this overall. The cost of such lawyer time is not directly billed to the client Directorate (no internal trading) but for equivalence purposes an internal hourly rate for the lawyer concerned would be £67.40

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Information and Customer Access
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)**

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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

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Wycliffe House

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Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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