

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:

What costs has the Council incurred as a result of having to tender in the OJEU, including consultancy, preparation and legal costs, in each of the last 5 complete fiscal years?

ANSWER:

Leicester City Council have placed around 86 OJEU Notices for Officers in the last five years. The information asked for is not held centrally. To gather this information we would have to go to each service area direct. 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.

We estimate it will take 43 hours to process your request. This is calculated on half an hour per notice.

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.

What proportion of the Council's contracts have you advertised within the OJEU in each of the last 5 complete fiscal years?

In the last five years, since 2008, LCC have placed 86 OJEU tendered Notices. In comparison, as far as we are aware of 1584 contracts. These figures equates to 5.43% of contracts were OJEU advertised. Leicester City Council's Contract Procedure Rules state that all available opportunities are advertised via the Corporate Procurement Team on a "free" portal called Source Leicestershire.

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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 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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