

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 would like, *preferably* in Excel spreadsheet form, the records your authority holds on the charges for all tax bands and average rent charged in as many financial years as you can provide – preferably all of them.

I would like you to denote on the spreadsheet the financial years in which council elections were held (NB: excluding by-elections and other anomalies; I am referring only to the years in which scheduled elections took place).

Where possible, state the political group in overall control of the council at its annual meeting in each of the years for which figures are provided (or state no overall control, where applicable). To be clear, this would usually confirm the political group responsible for setting rent and tax for the subsequent year.

Answer:

Please see attached chart of band D council tax set for each year of its existence. You will note the impact of various organisational changes on the figures. Council tax for other bands can be calculated by applying the ratios in section 5 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992. The Council's elections take place every four years in May. Throughout the period of council tax, the council has been Labour controlled, except for May 2003 to May 2007 when there was no party in overall control.

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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.

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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