

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:

1. How many council allotment sites are there within your Council? How many council allotment plots are there in total in your Council?

ANSWER

There are 45 allotment sites managed by Leicester City Council. In addition there is one privately owned allotment site within the City. Of the 45 sites 34 are managed by Allotment Societies and 11 directly by the City Council. In total there are 3,154 plots, of which 166 are directly let.

2. Can you please send us the cost of an allotment within your Council for the years: 2012 and 2013 and what they will be for 2014. Please state clearly if this is for a full or a half plot and what size these are.

The charges for allotments vary from site to site and society to society. However the average cost for 2012 was £30 for a full plot (300 sq yds) and £15 for a half-plot (150 sq yds). This will not change for 2013. Direct let charges are considerably lower at £17.50 for a full plot and £8.75 for a half plot; again, these are the 2012 charges and no change is envisaged for 2013.

3. Can you please send us the cost of using water as charged to individual plot holders within your Council for the years: 2012 and 2013 and what they will be for 2014.

For all allotment plots the water charges are included within the rental (and also will be for 2014).

4. Can you please send us the rate of the discount available for renting an allotment plot within your Council for the years: 2012 and 2013 and what they will be for 2014.

For holders of 'The Card' (the City Council's Leisure Pass) there is a £2.00 discount on a full plot and £1.00 discount on a half-plot. These are the only discounts that operate.

5. What has the cost of waste removal been to the Council in relation to allotment sites for 2012 and what are they likely to be for 2013 and 2014?

There is no cost to the Council for waste removal - the onus is on the plot holders to arrange as necessary.

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