

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:

To whom it may concern under the freedom of information act i ask for the information set out blow to made available to me

1 is the (the raven) and the community centre situated on thurncourt road in thurnby lodge le5 2ng available for hire and who are all the contacts and what is ther position

ANSWER

The Thurnby Lodge Community Centre is available for hire 7 days a week from 9am to 10pm and is subject to availability as there are regular community bookings taking place. The centre staff can be contacted in person or by telephone 0116 2924550.

The Raven Centre is operated by the As-Salaam Trust and is also available for hire subject to availability as there are regular community bookings taking place. Contact can be made to the As-Salaam Trust by telephone 07999 271536 or by e mail to as_salaam@hotmail.com

2 who owns the lease for the youth (the raven) and the community center that is situated on thruncourt road in thurnby lodge le5 2ng?

The buildings and land are owned by Leicester City Council. The Community Services Section of Leicester City Council operates the community centre. Leicester City Council have agreed in principal a lease with the As Salaam Trust for the Raven. Until negotiations are complete the details of the lease remain subject to business confidentiality and this therefore acts as the statutory refusal notice required by section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because of the reasons contained in FOIA S43.2 – the disclosure of this information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the authority holding it).

3 if leicester city council still hold the lease then what groups/organisations rent the buildings, at what times and at what cost?

The City Council continues to operate the community centre and local community groups; the Community Association and the Youth Service hire rooms on a weekly and monthly basis for their activities. A programme of activities is attached together with the hire charges.

For further details and costs for the Raven Centre please contact the As-Salaam Trust by telephone 07999 271536 or by e mail to as_salaam@hotmail.com.

4 please name all the key holders and their positions either within leicester city council or any relevant group that they represent.

I can confirm that we hold this information. However we are withholding this since we consider it to be an absolute exemption under section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

This information is also being withheld because an exemption under Section 38 of the Act is being applied as release could have a detrimental effect on the health and safety of any staff named and this therefore constitutes a refusal under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

5 has the youth(the reven) and the community center recently had or intends to have refurbishment, changes or upgrades to either the exterior, interior or any associated buildings? this is to include all furniture, sundry items and appliances. please not that this list is exhaustive and ALL INFORMATION IS EXPECTED.

There are works currently being undertaken in the community centre to refurbish the annex, toilets, meeting room and the community library room. A kitchenette is being created in the annex. The community library room is to become a chill out area for the young people to use with comfortable chairs and tables. The Meeting Room is to accommodate the community book loan scheme but will also be available for meetings and training sessions, etc. The existing disabled toilet is to be a dual use provision with gent's facilities; the existing store room is being converted into a ladies toilet; and the side store room is to become a staff workroom for the youth workers.

6 if the answer to any part of question5 is yes then please supply details of refurbishment, the coast and who has paid for the work

The information on the final cost of the refurbishment and the equipment and furniture in the community centre is not currently available but the cost will be met by the City Council. However the estimated cost is £30,000.

7 please supply details asked for below of each building ie the raven as one building and the community center as another; A to comply with health and safety and fire regulations, how many people are allowed in either building as mentioned above at any given time?

B as per question 7a but with reference to any outbuildings/annexes.

The occupancy rates are dependent on a number of factors which includes: the area of the room; the number of exits and the width of the opening; the type of activity or event; whether there is seating or standing.

The following figures are supplied for the community centre: Hall-standing 150.seated 120.Lounge-standing 40 seated 30. Room 2(library) seated 10, standing 10. Annexe Large Area - seated 30, standing 40. Small Annexe Area 10 seated, 15 standing.

The following figures are supplied for the Raven: Raven hall standing 150, seated 120, side rooms, standing 20, seated 20. Coffee bar 20 seated.

8 why are certain groups/activities that have previously enjoyed the use of the buildings(including any out buildings/annexes) been moved out and relocated elsewhere?

The refurbishment and reconfiguration of the space meant that it was necessary to relocate some groups to more suitable spaces within the centre. Some groups have also remained in their existing locations.

9 please list all groups/activities as mentioned above and list where they have been relocated.

As part of the new arrangements the youth service activities; Tae Kwon Do and the Netherhall Twirlers have relocated to the community centre. The Bowls Group have remained in the Raven.

Within the community centre the Brownies have moved to the Main Hall; the ESOL Class to the Meeting Room and the Girl Guides to the Main Hall.

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