

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:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please tell us if your council is responsible for the street lighting in your area?

If so, could you provide us with the following information, by financial year, for each of the financial years: 2011-2012, 2012-2013 and 2013-2014?

1. Expenditure on street lighting for each year (actual for previous/current years; planned for next year).

ANSWER

2011/12- Maintenance £512,382 Energy £1,947,667 Total expenditure £2,460,049
2012/13- Maintenance £499,889 Energy £2,005,371 Total expenditure £2,505,260
2013/14- The budgets for this period have not yet been finalised. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

2. Whether or not your council has reduced/is planning to reduce any street lighting, and if so, whether this was/will be by:

- **Switching lights off**
- **Dimming the lights (if so by how much [%])**
- **Other methods (please specify)**

The city council has just started a city wide 3 year programme to replace 33,000 sodium street lighting units with white light LED units giving equivalent lighting levels but making significant energy savings. It is estimated this will half the carbon emissions for street lighting. This programme does not currently include any proposals to reduce street lighting.

3. If your council has reduced/has plans to reduce street lighting by switching off, dimming or any other methods, what hours are they/will they be reduced?

N/A, see previous answer.

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Information and Customer Access
Leicester City Council
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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

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Wilmslow SK9 5AF
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