

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:

"In the year 2012/13 how many council house tenants gave notice to quit?"

1,806

And, of that number how many properties were inspected for condition, etc. DURING the (four week) notice period with the existing tenant present at the inspection? In accordance with Clause 46 (d) of LCC Conditions of Tenancy for Council Tenants 2007."

In order to provide you with this information would involve looking at each 1,806 records individually, which we estimate will take approximately 2 minutes per record. This would equate to 60 hours and 12 minutes.

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 Authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

This part of the letter 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. Therefore, your request will not be processed further.

It is extremely rare for an inspection to be carried out, in the current tenants company, during the notice period. Property inspections are carried out for transfer tenants (moving from Leicester City Council to accommodation advertised through Leicester HomeChoice) but this is on acceptance of an offer and so the current tenancy is still running. The inspection could be carried out up to 6 months before the tenant moves.

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or their consent as appropriate. The Council is willing to advise you of any 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 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.

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

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.