

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:

Between the date of this request (i.e. August 12, 2013) and January 1, 2010, I would like to know -

- 1. The total payments made to the PRS (Performing Right Society) for services such as hold music. Please specify what payments relate to, if not hold music.**

ANSWER:

- In the period specified, the Council paid the PRS some £324k.
- Of this, £204k related to events at De Montfort Hall and other public events & festivals.
- The remaining £120k was related to activities in leisure centres, libraries, community and youth centres.
- No monies were paid in respect of hold music.

- 2. Please list the tracklisting for songs on the council's "hold" system, up to a maximum of five most recent songs /pieces and their recording artists / composers. More details available here: <http://www.prsformusic.com/users/businessesandliveevents/musicforbusinesses/musiconhold/Pages/musiconhold.aspx>**

Not applicable as we don't use hold music.

The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this 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.

- 3. I would also like details of when commercial songs have required a fee from the council, ie. for using them in a conference. I would like the total fee, what was claimed and by whom.**

We use pre-recorded sound tracks to play at our Sports, Libraries and Arts & Museums venues. But as they are used in different ways, therefore a detailed breakdown is not available.

Arts and Museums do not (and are not required to) hold details of which artist's music tracks each theatre show we present uses.

Each show's promoter/owner will register the music tracks they use within a show with PRS and advise us whether a PRS royalty is due and at what % rate it is payable at.

We then pay this % fee to PRS from the box office income and the artist then claims their fee from the PRS direct.

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