

## 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:**

**I am writing to you to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act:**

- 1. How many street lights were in operation in your Local Authority in calendar year a) 2010 b) 2011 c) 2012 d) 2013 (so far)?**

**ANSWER**

- a) 2010 – 36209
- b) 2011 – 36382
- c) 2012 – 36486
- d) 2013 – 36537

- 2. How many street lights in operation have been turned off in your Local Authority in calendar year in a) 2010 b) 2011 C) 2012 d) 2013 (so far)?**

Leicester City Council has not turned any street lights off.

- 3. How many street lights in operation have been dimmed in your Local Authority in calendar year in a) 2010 b) 2011 C) 2012 d) 2013 (so far)?**

- a) 2010 – None
- b) 2011 – 1200 lights
- c) 2012 – 2200 lights – (cumulative)
- d) 2013 – 7500 lights - (cumulative)

- 4. What has been the total cost spent by your Local Authority on turning off or dimming street lights in calendar year a) 2010 b) 2011 C) 2012 d) 2013 (so far)?**

- a) 2010 - £0
- b) 2011 – LCC secured £160,000 from Regional Improvement & Efficiency Programme to help install 2200 iGuzzini stand-alone dimmers to the 250w & 150w HPS luminaire. This was an initial pilot programme that enabled us to dim the lights from 11pm to dawn, which resulted in reducing our annual energy bill of £2.1 million by 3.8%. In this year 1200 iGuzzini dimmers were installed at cost of £87,250.
- c) 2012 – Installed the remaining 1000 iGuzzini stand-alone dimmers to the 250w & 150w HPS luminaire at a cost of £72,750.

d) 2013 – As part of Leicester City Council’s commitment to reduce its energy consumption the Public Lighting team is changing its 33,000 low & high pressure sodium lighting stock to energy efficient LED luminaires over a three year programme costing £13.8 million. The new LED’s will also be connected to a central management system which will enable the dimming of lighting levels at off-peak traffic times and help towards achieving the Councils pledge by reducing its carbon footprint by over 50% by March 2016.

**5. What has been the cost spent to (1) turn off street lights completely (2) dim street lights (3) dimmed between a certain set time at night (4) turned off completely between a certain set time at night in calendar year a) 2010 b) 2011 C) 2012 d) 2013 (so far)?**

1) N/A

2) 2010 - £0  
2011 - £87,250  
2012 - £72,750  
2013 - £0

3) Same as above (No 2)

4) N/A

**6. What has been the total savings made by your Local Authority on turning off or dimming street lights in calendar year a) 2010 b) 2011 C) 2012 d) 2013 (so far)?**

No lights have been turned off. The following savings have been achieved by dimming street lights.

a) 2010 – 0  
b) 2011 – 2.3% - £48,300  
c) 2012 – 3.8% - £79,800  
d) 2013 – 14% – £294,000 to date which includes savings made by replacing over 5,300 of old sodium lights with lower wattage LED white lights and dimming between certain times.

**7. What has been the total saving to your local Authority from (1) turning off street lights completely (2) dim street lights (3) dimmed between a certain set time at night (4) turned off completely between a certain set time at night in calendar year a) 2010 b) 2011 C) 2012 d) 2013 (so far)?**

1 10/11 – N/A  
11/12 – N/A  
12/13 – N/A  
13/14 – N/A

- 2      10/11 - 0  
11/12 – 2.3% £48,300  
12/13 – 3.8% £79,800  
13/14 - 14% – £294,000 to date which includes savings made by replacing over 5,300 of old sodium lights with lower wattage LED white lights and dimming between certain times.
- 3      Same as 2 above.
- 4      10/11 – N/A  
11/12 – N/A  
12/13 – N/A  
13/14 – N/A

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