

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 request information under the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004. Under the Act I am requesting the following:

- 1. Your council's current, or most recent, climate change adaptation strategy (or equivalent report).**

ANSWER

Please see attached document – 4592 Attachment

- 2. Your council's current, or most recent, flood risk management strategy (or equivalent report).**

We have not yet published our LFRMS as the document is still under development and we are preparing to consult on its content. Therefore this information is exempt as it is intended for future publication in line with S22 of the Act. This part of the letter acts as S17 refusal notice in respect of this part of your request.

However, key actions are already reflected in the recently updated Climate Change Programme of Action. We have undertaken a city-wide surface water management plan study and level 2 strategic flood risk assessment. We have a defined programme of action, including extensive collaboration with the Environment Agency, Severn Trent Water, Leicestershire County Council and the Local Resilience Forum. The council's pages on flooding hold more information on activity that the council have undertaken and it is possible to access a copy of the Surface Water Management Plan here:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/the-environment/flood-risk-management/>

- 3. Confirmation of whether you employ any members of staff as Climate Adaptation Officers, stating how many and their salary; or any officers with climate adaptation as part of their work, stating their title, what approximate proportion of their time is spent working on climate adaptation, and total salary (I am not asking for personal details).**

The council employs one Climate Change Officer who spends approximately 20% of their time on adaptation issues. The post is a grade 9 post with a salary scale of £32,072 - £34,894.

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Information Governance Manager
Information and Customer Access
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

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Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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