

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 have some Fol questions about the directly-elected Mayor

- 1) How many questions were asked by the public to the Mayor at each of the 10 most recent council meetings?**
- 2) How many questions above were answered by the Mayor, how many were answered by other Cabinet members, and how many were not asked (e.g. due to questioner not attending or a time limit expiring)?**
- 3) How many questions were asked by councillors to the Mayor at each of the 10 most recent council meetings?**
- 4) How many questions above were answered by the Mayor, how many were answered by other Cabinet members, and how many were not asked (e.g. due to questioner not attending or a time limit expiring)?**

ANSWER: The information for the above four questions is already publically available online, and can be found here -

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk:8071/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=81&Year=0>

For your information this letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied, namely the information is accessible by other means, e.g. it is already on the Council Website.

- 5) How many times the Mayor has attended an Overview and Scrutiny Committee in a) 2010-11 b) 2011-12 c) 2012-13 d) 2013-14?**

The City Mayor was elected in May 2011. The City Mayor regularly attends a range of Scrutiny meetings. All information about attendance at meetings is publically available online, and can be found here -

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk:8071/ieDocHome.aspx?Categories=>

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6) Does the Mayor hold a portfolio, and if so which one?

The City Mayor leads on matters of constitution and governance, emergency planning and resilience, economic development, heritage, transport and regeneration. Information about portfolios is publically available online, and can be found here -

<http://citymayor.leicester.gov.uk/my-executive-team/>

7) How many staff are employed in the Mayor's Office a) Contractors b) Temps c) Secondees d) Permanent Staff

The City Mayor's Office is currently staffed by 2 Full Time Officers permanently employed by the City Council, and 1 Officer who provides support directly to both the City Mayor and the Deputy City Mayor.

8) For each staff member identified above, what is a) The job title and b) the salary band/grading of each post

Head of the City Mayor's Office – Scale 11, ranging from £39,351 to £42,032

City Mayor's Personal Assistant – Scale 6, ranging from £22,243 to £24,892

Policy & Projects Manager (working to the City Mayor and Deputy City Mayor) – Scale 10, ranging from £35,784 to £38,422

9) How many times the Mayor has used his executive powers to make decisions outside of a formal Cabinet meeting in a) 2010-11 b) 2011-12 c) 2012-13 d) 2013-14?

The City Mayor was elected in May 2011. In Leicester, the City Mayor appointed a Deputy City Mayor and a number of Assistant City Mayors. The City Mayor has delegated particular areas of responsibility to his Executive colleagues. Decisions by the Executive are usually taken by an individual Executive Member, which are published on the Council's website. Monthly public meetings are scheduled by the City Mayor to announce decisions which have been taken, and to also provide details of forthcoming decisions. In addition, all Executive Decisions are published in the appropriate way before and after the decisions have been taken.

The total number of Executive decisions taken since May 2011 is as follows:

2011/12

Decisions taken by the City Mayor – 25

Decisions taken by other Executive Members – 2

2012/13

Decisions taken by the City Mayor – 82

Decisions taken by other Executive Members – 32

2013/14

Decisions taken by the City Mayor – 34

Decisions taken by other Executive Members – 20

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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: FOIA@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.

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

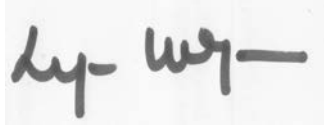
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager