

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:

Please can you inform me of the amounts which Leicester City Council paid during the funding year 2012/2013 those it is paying during the funding year 2013/2014 and those it has budgeted to be paid for the funding year 2014/2015 to the following:

- 1. Christian faith organisations**
- 2. Christian events/celebrations**
- 3. Hindu faith organisations**
- 4. Hindu events/celebrations**
- 5. Muslim faith organisations**
- 6. Muslim events/celebrations**
- 7. The black community**
- 8. The Caribbean carnival (or substituted event)**

In each case please state what the event was and which organisation received the payment, and for what payment has been made or has been budgeted.

ANSWER: We do not record information in the above manner, therefore for us to check each and every payment entry that Leicester City Council has made would take us over the 18 hour time limit under the legislation.

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 government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

This 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.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, particular organisations that payments have been made to including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. We do have a duty to advise and assist you in refining your request under s16 of the Act, so please don't hesitate to contact us if you need help in refining your request.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use. Please be aware that any commercial or other use, for example publication, sale, or redistribution may be a breach of copyright under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as amended unless you obtain the copyright holder's prior permission.

Not all the information that is supplied which is covered by copyright will be the Council's copyright, for example it may be the copyright of a government department or another Council. You should seek either the Council's consent 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: 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.

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.