

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:

1a. How many people employed by the Council have received penalty points on their driving licence for offences committed while driving council vehicles in each of the last three years?

Notice of Intended Prosecution Letters have been received over the last three years as detailed below:

Year 2013, 26 in total.

Year 2012, 31 in total.

Year 2011, 22 in total.

1b. For each of the last three years, how many of these were driving school transport vehicles?

Year 2013, 3 Notice of Intended Prosecution Letters received.

Year 2012, 1 Notice of Intended Prosecution Letters received.

Year 2011, 3 Notice of Intended Prosecution Letters received.

2a. How many people employed by the Council took driving awareness courses because of offences committed while driving council vehicles in each of the last three years?

2b. For each of the last three years, how many of these were driving school transport vehicles?

3a. How many people employed by the Council received driving bans for offences committed while driving council vehicles in each of the last three years?

3b. For each of the last three years, how many of these were driving school transport vehicles?

4. Has the Council paid any of the fines incurred by staff in council vehicles in the last three years? How much has the Council paid in total over the last three years?

Leicester City Council has a fleet of over 850 vehicles in daily use across 62 service areas in the city. In order to answer questions 1 through to 4, each of the 62 service areas would be required to check staff and finance records for the 3 years in question. We have, within the prescribed time limit, been able to gather the information from our School Transport Service to answer questions 5, 6 and 7.

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

An Annual Motor Vehicle Inspection is carried out each year. Line managers are required to check all their employees' driving licences, if they drive or are likely to drive on LCC business. Where employees are using their own vehicle, line managers also ensure that the employee's insurance includes business use cover and that a vehicle has a current, valid MOT certificate, if appropriate.

5. How many bus drivers does the Council employ?

61

6. How many council-employed bus drivers have penalty points on their driving licence?

8

7. What is the highest number of penalty points that a bus driver has had on their driving licence over the last three years? Is this bus driver still employed by the Council?

6 points and still employed

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