

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Housing and Homelessness

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

**You asked:**

**1. How many people are under Council's Housing waiting list at present? Would you please specify the age group, gender and the number of minorities, BME community who are in the council's housing waiting list.**

As at 02/01/2014 there were 10400 households on the Council's Housing Register

Age Band	Total
18yr – 25yr	1528
26yr – 39yr	3996
40yr – 59yr	3525
60(+yr	1351
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10400</b>

Gender	Total
Female	5374
Male	4843
Not Stated	183
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10400</b>

Ethnicity	Total
Asian	2751
Black	1107
White	3731
Dual Heritage	291
Gypsy/Romany/Irish	
Traveller	17
Chinese	23
Unknown	2480
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>10400</b>

**2. Would you please give specify how many people have applied for one bedroom, two bedroom, three bedroom, four bedroom, five bedroom in year 2012-2013?**

Housing Provider	1 Bed	2 Bed	3 Bed	4 Bed	5(+ ) Bed	All Average Bids
Leicester City Council	36	113	122	51	18	69
Housing Association	17	97	90	40	25	49
<b>Combined Average Bids</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>59</b>

**3. Please provide number of how many people you have accommodated following the statutory duty under housing act who have been declared themselves as homeless and sissified the homelessness assessment process. Please give number by year starting from January 2012 to December 2013. Please also specify their gender, age group and if possible ethnic identity.**

Local Authorities have to provide figures (P1E) on the activity within their area in relation to the homelessness functions on a quarterly basis to central government who make this available in a public document.

Live stats from the P1E returns for all councils can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>  
This therefore acts as 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.

In response to the number of households who were accommodated in temporary accommodation (where full duty was owed) but that duty ended during the quarter:

Jan 12 – Mar 12: **14**

Apr 12 – Jun 12: **35**

Jul 12 – Sep 12: **19**

Oct 12 – Dec 12: **16**

**Total for 2012: 84**

Jan 13 – Mar 13: **15**

Apr 13 – Jun 13: **27**

Jul 13 – Sep 13: **31**

Oct 13 – Dec 13: **17**

Number of households where a full duty is owed and currently still in temporary accommodation as at 31/12/13: **24**

**Total for 2013: 114**

The total number of households accommodated in temporary accommodation following approval from 01/01/12 to 31/12/13 would be **198**

**4. Please provide number the people who are in current city council waiting list who are homeless.**

As at 02/01/2014 there were 27 statutory homeless households on the Council's Housing Register.

**5. Please share what are the present council policy to address homelessness in the city. And how council is allocating budget for that.**

This part of the letter acts as 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 i.e. on the Council website.

Link to Publicised 5 years strategy:  
<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/housing/homelessness/homelessness-strategy-2013-2018/>

### Budget

Homelessness Budget		
£m	£m	£m
2012/13	2013/14	2014/15
<b>6.27</b>	<b>5.45</b>	<b>4.45</b>

**6. Please share the total number of council house and please specify the type of the house and number and area and how many are current empty.**

Please see attached Appendixes

*Appendix 1* shows the council house stock broken down into property type and bedroom size for our 9 Areas as of 22/1/14

*Appendix 2* shows Void properties as of 31/1/14 again broken down into property type and bedroom size, this data includes Warden Assisted and Hostel Properties

**7. Please provide how much council had spent yearly since January 2012 to December 2013, to build new council house/flat.**

There has not been any money spent on building council houses between January 2012 and December 2013.

**8. According to the Housing Act 1996 (as amended by the Homelessness Act 2002) all Local Authorities must have a Homelessness Strategy in place What are the homelessness strategy of the City Council council. Please share the yearly the yearly of starting from January 2012 to December 2013.**

Homelessness Strategy link: <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/housing/homelessness/homelessness-strategy-2013-2018/>

**Please clarify the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of this question, 'Please share the yearly the yearly of starting from January 2012 to December 2013'.**

**10. Under Part VII of the Housing Act 1996 (as amended by the Homelessness Act 2002) City Council has certain responsibilities towards people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. Would you please provide number, age, gender to whom you provided service following the specific law.**

Again as previously answered, live stats from the P1E returns for all councils can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/live-tables-on-homelessness>

*Further clarification is required in relation to what specific responsibilities/duties are being referred to in this question. There are many ranging from advice to provision of accommodation.*

**11. How long you take to process housing benefit claim. How many housing benefit claim has been process by the City council since January 2012 to December 2013. Please provide number of each year.**

For January 2012 to December 2012 days to process for new claims was 22 days and we had 16,234 new claims.

For January 2013 to December 2013 days to process for new claims was 23 days and we had 15,172 new claims.

**12. How much council had spent to pay the employee who are working on homeless issues in council. Please give yearly details starting from January 2012 to December 2013.**

Council run hostels - employee costs (including on-costs)	
£m	£m
2012/13	2013/14
<b>£3,021,722</b>	<b>£2,848,280</b>

**13. How many people were successfully prosecuted for housing benefit fraud during year 2012 and 2013.**

For the period 01.01.12 to 31.12.12 LCC prosecuted 124 cases of benefit fraud.  
For the period 01.01.13 to 31.12.13 LCC prosecuted 110 cases of benefit fraud.

**14. Did council appointed any third party to find out or tackle benefit fraud. If yes, Who is the company and how much council has paid them for the service.**

LCC did not outsource any of its work in tackling benefit fraud.

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: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@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](http://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.

Enc: [2014 02 10 4903 Appendix 1](#)  
[2014 02 10 4903 Appendix 2](#)