

## **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 would like to know how many solicitors the council employed as part of its in-house legal department for the years 2012/2013 and 2011/12 and any figures you have for 2013/14**

#### **ANSWER:**

2011/12 – 38 (+1 Barrister)

2012/13 – 36 (+1 Barrister)

2013/14 to date – 36 (+2 Barristers)

**I would like to know how much the council spent running its in-house legal department for the years 2012/2013 and 2011/2012 and any figures you have for 2013/14**

2011/12 – £1,828k

2012/13 – £1,854k

2013/14 to date – £1,407k

**How much did the council spend on external legal services for the years 2012/2013 and 2011/2012 and any figures you have for 2013/14**

#### External Solicitors

2011/12 – £239k

2012/13 – £289k

2013/14 to date – £305k

#### Barristers

2011/12 – £418k

2012/13 – £353k

2013/14 to date – £395k

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**Information and Support**

**Leicester City Council**

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**New Walk Centre**

**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: [FOIA@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:FOIA@leicester.gov.uk)

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**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

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