

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:

As a Freedom of Information request, please can you provide me with the total costs/payments/reimbursements or claims made from and given to Lord Lieutenants, from your council, for the years 2009/2010, 2010/2011, 2011/2012 and 2012/2013?

If no money from your council has gone to the Lord Lieutenants in these years, please could you make this clear in your response?

The Cabinet Office inform me that Lord lieutenants can be provided with local government funding and I have found reference to this in the following news paper article -

<http://www.redditchstandard.co.uk/2013/11/18/news-Call-to-axe-funding-for-royal-position-89923.html>

Which says -" A budget of £25,000 is available to support the role, £5,000 of which comes from the Government"

- in reference to a local council's budget for its local Lord Lieutenants.

I would therefore like to know if your council also provides any money to Lord Lieutenants, for the last few years.

To clarify, I am inquiring about any and all costs to the council from Lord Lieutenants, or to put it another way, any money the council has given Lord Lieutenants, in the years specified.

Please could you also tell, if known me what the money was spent on or what it was for (a breakdown of the costs involved)? For example, transport costs or office work.

If it is not your council but another local one, which deals with the Lord Lieutenant costs for your area, please can you let me know who I should refer my request to?

ANSWER:

The Lord Lieutenancy is administered by Leicestershire County Council, so Leicester City Council incurs no costs and makes no payments with regards to the office.

However Leicester City Council paid £500 in 2009/10 and £500 in 2010/11 in relation to activities and awards for young people.

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