

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 be grateful if you could supply the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) - many thanks.

How much did your council, and its constituent departments, spend on purchasing paper and paper products - (such as pads, copier/fax/printer paper, post-it notes etc) in the financial years 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and in the first six months of the current financial year 2013/2014

ANSWER:

Leicester City Council does not have a separate code for paper on our finance system, it is ordered on a general stationary code. As such we would have to look through very stationary order for three years. This will be thousands of orders and as such will be over the 18 hours limit. We would not be able to do one of the years requested in less than 18 hours. For the first 6 months of this financial period there are over 1,320 stationary orders. If we had five minutes for each order that would take over 110 hours.

How much did the council, and constituent departments, spend on purchasing or renting/leasing fax and photocopier machines in the two full and half years outlined above. Could you please include rental costs, commission paid on copies to suppliers and the rental costs of those phone lines dedicated to the use of fax machines.

2011-12	£641,375.06	
2012-13	£610,708.49	
2013-14	£326,154.44	First six months

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Customer Access

Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: 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.

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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