

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 – securing vacant properties

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

### You asked:

- **How much was spent by the council on securing vacant housing/commercial properties in the past financial year?**

Cost for Housing to secure properties - £70k

For the commercial properties, we do not record whether a lock was replaced for security reasons or just replaced/renewed. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because under section 1.1 this information is not held by the Council.

- **Which companies were used to secure the vacant properties/sites?**

Housing use their own staff to carry out this work – no contractors are used

The companies used for other properties are Rossells Locksmiths and Oliveti

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

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.