

## Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Community Welfare Support Grants

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

### You asked:

- **What are your current arrangements for discharging your welfare provision in respect of furniture and electrical items?**

There are a number of routes we fulfil this roll. We work with our partner organisation primarily to supply new white goods, materesses and carpets with furniture having a mixed approach between new and new to you recycled donated furntiute.

- **Do you have a provision for clothing?**

Yes where the crisis support demands we issue clothing vouchers.

- **What is your spend (£) for the current financial year to date?**

£343,795.53 specifcally for this element of the scheme.

- **What is the budget for the current financial year to date?**

£1,606,825.00

- **What is the budget for the current financial year and for the next financial year?**

The budget for local welfare assistance both 2013/14 is £1,606,825 and for 2014/15 - £1,606,825.00

- **How long do you expect to have this provision in place?**

Not known - this is currently under review by the authority where different models are being considered

- **Please give details of any retailers (High Street, Online, Charity etc.) that you currently use to support your provision.**

Leicester Charity Link

- **Please give the name of the Budget holder/Scheme Manager and email contact details.**

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**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@leicester.gov.uk)

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**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**  
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