

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 make a request regarding academy conversions since the 2010 Academies Act.

1) I would like to know the full legal costs incurred by the council for each school that was converted into an academy. Please break this data down by school.

Answer:

Whilst schools converting to become Academies secure independent legal advice, there are elements of legal work undertaken by in-house Council lawyers. These costs are not recorded because the legal department no longer re-charges for work internally on a case-by-case basis. Instead the relevant client departments (such as social services, property services, human resources etc) pay annual block fees for legal services each year, and all legal work save for specific project type work is undertaken under these arrangements.

As such the only information held on your request is listed below.

There are 6 academy's which fall into the scope of your request. Please see below for the academy and the costs incurred for each.

Humberstone Junior	£16 Land registry fees
Queensmead	£16 Land registry fees
Sacred Heart	No costs incurred
St Josephs	No costs incurred
St Thomas Moore	No costs incurred
Ashfield	No costs incurred

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**

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 may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider requests until the internal appeals process of the Council has been exhausted. You are therefore advised to appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.