

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 wish to receive an outline of all votes taken by the council originating from the Mayor and his cabinet for the past six months.

Please separately provide the same information for all votes originating from outside the cabinet.

Please give a brief description of each vote and outline the result by numbers of for and against from each party and independents.

Answer:

In response to your request for information there have been four Council meetings in the last 6 months. These were on:

- 21/11/13,
- 23/01/14
- 26/02/14
- 20/03/14

The process for voting at Council meetings is defined in the Council's Constitution which can be viewed on the Council's website at:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/council-and-democracy/key-documents/constitution/>

The relevant extracts are:

28. VOTING

(a) Every proposition shall, unless otherwise required by law, be determined by votes recorded by electronic means, or a show of hands, or at the discretion of the Lord Mayor, by voices.

(b) In taking the votes on any proposition, only those Members who are not disqualified from voting, and are present in the Council Chamber, to cast their vote shall be entitled to vote.

(c) In the case of equality of votes, the person presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.

29. RECORDING OF VOTES

(a) After a proposition is put from the Chair but before the vote is taken, any three Councillors present at the meeting may request that the names of Councillors voting for or against the proposition be recorded by the Monitoring Officer in the minutes of the meeting and any such record shall, on request, be supplied to Councillors or to the press.

(b) Immediately after a vote is taken any Councillor may require that the Minutes record how s/he voted if at all on the proposal.

Details of the agenda and minutes of Council meetings are available on the Council's website at:

<http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk:8071/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=81&Year=0>

However I attach a summary of the business considered at meetings of the Council within the last six months, together with details of the heading under which items were considered and the voting means and result. Please see attachment 1.

We don't record by party in voting but for your information attach a list of Councillors which also shows their ward and party affiliation. This document is also available on the Council's website at:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/councillors-democracy-and-elections/>

Please see attachment 2.

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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

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