

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 know how long the courses have been subsidised and to what degree.

ANSWER: Over the last 5 years the 2 golf courses have been subsidised as follows:

Course/Year	2009/2010	2010/2011	2011/2012	2012/2013	2013/2014
Humberstone	12,697 Profit	12,869 Loss	19,110 Loss	78,453 Loss	62,693 Loss
Western	56,894 Loss	92,126 Loss	58,818 Loss	135,121 Loss	123,107 Loss
Total subsidy	44,197 Loss	104,994 Loss	77,929 Loss	213,574 Loss	185,800 Loss

NB: This does not include council support costs i.e. central costs for services such as Human Resources, Legal and Management.

I would also like to know when the courses last made a profit and over what period of time they were profitable.

Only Humberstone Heights golf course made a profit in this period, in the financial year 2009/10 of £12,697.

What happened to the profits? Were they reinvested in the courses or were they used to subsidise other activities?

Other than in 2009 when Humberstone Heights made a small profit, there has been no profit to reinvest. This particular profit was offset by the loss at Western Park.

In addition, I would like to know how much public money would actually be saved by closing one or both of these municipal facilities, taking into account the subsequent costs of maintaining the land as a council property without the income it formerly brought in.

This would depend on what use a facility was put to, if a decision to close it was taken.

Is there a plan to sell off this public land for private development?

The consultation exercise is to listen to the views of the public, both golfers and non-golfers alike, to find out if people think the Council should continue subsidising the two Council-owned golf courses in the city; Humberstone Heights and Western Park. No decision will be made during this consultation period which concludes on April 18th 2014.

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relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

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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.

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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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