

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:

In respect of financial year 2013-14:

1. How much did your local authority spend in total in relation to goods and services procured from companies and third parties?

Our records show that from April 2013 to February 2014, our spend in relation to goods and services procured with companies was £254,212,551 (11 months).

2. Do you record the national origin of companies or third parties who have been awarded contracts under your procurement arrangements?

At present, we capture details of whether companies are local or non-local (LE postcode or non-LE postcode) suppliers, but do not specifically record the nationality in any records that are collated.

3. Do you have a policy to prioritise procurement from UK based companies?

As a council we follow the EU rules and regulations and therefore do not prioritise or penalise anyone from participating in our procurements. In addition, we also seek to meet requirements of the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012. We do however strive to work with local companies and ensure our procurement facilitates this wherever possible within the confines of the regulations mentioned above.

4. In financial year 2013-14 how much did your local authority spend with UK based companies or third parties defined as where the majority of the organisation's work was undertaken by UK based workers in the United Kingdom?

From April 2013 to February 2014, our spend with UK based companies was £254,194,372 (11 months), based on the company addresses held in our financial system.

5. In financial year 2013-14 how much did your local authority spend with UK based companies or third parties defined as where the company is head quartered in the United Kingdom?

Our systems/records do not allow us to distinguish this from the answer given at 4 above.

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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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