

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Council underspend**

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

### **You asked:**

**“I read in the Leicester Mercury last week that the council is underwriting £500,000 of loans for cathedral improvements and they are able to do this due to underspends. Can you give me details of these underspend?”**

- **Which council departments have underspent in 2013/2014?**
- **By how much?**
- **How have these departments made these savings?”**

### **Answer:**

A full explanation of the Council's spending in 2013/14 is being prepared for the Council's Scrutiny Committee on 31<sup>st</sup> July, and this will be available on the Council's website by 24<sup>th</sup> July. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, because the information you have requested is exempt in line with section 22 of the Act as it is intended for future publication.

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  
Bosworth House  
9 – 15 Princess Road West  
LEICESTER LE1 6TH  
e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto: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](http://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.