

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:

- 1. Could you please tell me how much you will obtain from the selling off of the rights to the majority of the car parking space at Victoria Park for the Kasbian concert on Saturday 21 June 2104?**

ANSWER: £6,385

- 2. What is the increase over normal daily revenue?**

There is no increase above the standard parking rates. The fees cover the potential loss of income based on the number of spaces.

- 3. What will the money raised be used for?**

To cover lost income which would have normally been received from general car park revenue.

- 4. When and how were the public informed of this intention?**

The public were kept informed via numerous methods via local parks user groups, ward meetings, media and onsite notices months before the event. Information was also regularly updated on the Leicester City Council web pages. Please see attachment 1 for the onsite notice that was displayed on all 3 x Pay and Display machines as from 19th May 2014.

- 5. What moves were made to inform the two largest employers in this part of the city? (Namely the University of Leicester and Leicester College.**

The event has been well publicised, as are all major events that promote positive events in our city with contributions from all public, private and volunteer sectors. There was no direct contact made with these organisations however signage was placed at the car park to inform users of the closure, one month prior to the event from the 19th May 2014, please see attachment 1 and 2. Also regulatory signage was placed in areas affected by the traffic management plan.

- 6. What duty of care has the Council put in place in terms of alternative parking space to mitigate the problems this has caused to those who use the car park.**

Alternative parking facilities were identified for people wishing to visit Victoria Park area on the 21st June 2014 and these could be found on the Leicester City Council website, please see attachment 3.

7. Can you also over the last ten years state when the council has behaved in similar ways?

The council undertake a full event planning process as part of each major event in our city, with support and contributions through multi-agency operational/organisational meetings. On occasion it has been necessary to close the car park to the general public. This is to ensure site safety alongside the successful delivery of large events such as the Caribbean Carnival, Leicester Pride.

8. Can you confirm that you do not need planning consent to effectively privatise land in this way? (After all it is in effect change of use)

Planning permission is not required if the use of land for any purpose is less than 28 days in total in any calendar year.

9. Can you confirm the revenue the council receives from parking per se throughout the city per annum over the last ten years?

Please see table below with the last eight years revenue, we are unable to provide you with the two years previous to 2006 – 2007 as this information is not readily available and will take us over the 18 hours to search for this information.

Financial Year	Income (£)
2013/14	5,017,712
2012/13	4,741,722
2011/12	5,095,945
2010/11	5,478,153
2009/10	5,752,084
2008/09	6,080,498
2007/08	6,148,818
2006/07	4,813,316

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

10. And further confirm the statute by which the city is enabled to charge for all its money raising including on public roads?

The council can under the following powers charge for parking at car parks and on parking on street:

Leicester City Council
Leicester (Off-Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2006

Leicester City Council
The Leicester (Consolidation) Traffic Regulation Order 2006

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](#).

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Information Governance Manager
Information Governance Team
Leicester City Council
9-15 Princess Road West
Leicester
LE1 6TH
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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