

## 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 make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.**

- 1. I would like information on the cost of refurbishments that have been undertaken to official council-owned premises used for the purpose of carrying out official council business - by this I mean buildings such as council offices and the Town Hall. I do not wish to know about buildings such as houses, flats, community centres, youth centres etc owned by the council.**
- 2. I would also like to know the amount of money spent by the council on artwork (such as paintings, sculpture etc), furniture and pot plants (all types of plant both real and artificial). As above, I am only interested in knowing about expenditure on these items when they were brought for council premises as defined above.**

### Answer:

The level of detail that you require is not recorded on our financial system in that way.

Costs over £500 that can be identified are published monthly on our open data page. Under s21 of the Freedom of Act the information is accessible elsewhere. To view our monthly accounts, you can view our website page directly here: <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/about-us/data/supplierpaymentsover500/> Our accounts are also open for public viewing annually.

Any more in depth information relating to your request that may be held would also take more than 18 hours to supply and under s12 of the Act and we therefore do not have to respond further to this question. If you wish to refine your request in anyway, and identify specific dates, buildings etc. we would be more than happy to work with you to do so.

The information that we do hold that we can easily release within the limit is that no monies were spent on artwork for such refurbishments. Artworks are only purchased for the public museums and not for council offices. Additionally, usually these artworks are not purchased by the Council, but via grants from charitable trusts and national grant awarding bodies. I hope that this is helpful.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Information Governance Manager**  
**Leicester City Council**  
**Bosworth House**  
**Ground Floor**  
**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.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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