

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 – A copy of the authorities' code of practise on bailiffs

Please see attachment

2 – Copies of the actual contract with the authority

We do hold information falling within the terms of this request, however we need more time to consider your request as the following exemption may apply to some of the contract information that you have requested.

S43 – Commercial interests

Section 10(3) of the Freedom of Information Act says that where we have to consider whether it is in the public interest to release information, we do not have to answer the request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances.

The Council has not yet reached a decision on the balance of the public interest and will therefore not be able to respond to your request in full within 20 working days. I do, however, hope to let you have a response by 19th August.

3 – Details of whether your authority has internal bailiff officers or utilizes external bailiff companies, if external companies, how many and the name of these firms?

We use two external bailiff companies: Rossendales and Bristow & Sutor.

4 – How many council tax liability orders have been applied for in the last 8 quarters?

Quarter	Council Tax	NNDR's
01/07/09 – 30/09/09	4,033	506
01/10/09 – 31/12/09	3,108	338
01/01/10 – 31/03/10	3,069	302
01/04/10 – 30/06/10	5,009	499
01/07/10 – 30/09/10	3,885	367
01/10/10 – 31/12/10	1,807	202
01/01/11 – 31/03/11	3,339	291
01/04/11 – 30/06/11	5,325	683

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

Head of Information Governance
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: foia@leicester.gov.uk

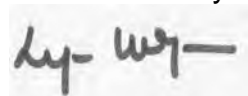
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to Head of Information Governance before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



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