

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Affordable Warmth Strategy

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

Some information in the attached documents has been redacted under the Data Protection Act 1998 which is exempt under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Section 40, Personal Information.

You asked:

Age UK is conducting research into local authority plans for winter - often called 'Affordable Warmth Strategy' or 'Winter policy' - and how they plan to meet the needs of older people in the winter to reduce fuel poverty and excess winter deaths. They are usually publicly available.

- 1. Would you be able to send me the plan/strategy or point me in the right direction to download it from the relevant part of the website?**

Leicester's Fuel Poverty Strategy was published in 2000 and sets out our approaches to targeting assistance to the most vulnerable households in the city. This strategy is due to be updated, but the overall approaches remain valid.

Please see attached: **RedAnsAttch1 fuel poverty report 2000**

A list of our current Home Energy / affordable warmth schemes can be found on the City Council Website at the following web address

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/energy-efficiency/energy/home-energy-office/>

Please note that some photographs have been redacted from the Fuel Poverty Report 2000. For your information this letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 38 of the Act is being applied as release could have a detrimental effect on health and safety of the people who took part in the case studies.

Section 38 - Health and Safety

We feel that release of some of the information recorded within the attached document could lead to individuals and their home addresses being identified. We would in no way want to put potentially vulnerable people at risk.

The public interest arguments for and against disclosure under the above-mentioned exemptions have been considered and on balance the council is satisfied that the public interest against disclosure is greater than the public interest for disclosure

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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

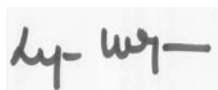
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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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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Yours sincerely



Lynn Wyeth
Head of Information Governance

Enc: [RedAnsAttch1 fuel poverty report 2000](#)