

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Travellers & Gypsies

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

**You asked:**

- 1. Please provide me with details about how much your council has spent, in each of the last three financial years, on unauthorised or temporary gypsy and/or traveller encampments.**

**Response: Expenditure on unauthorised traveller encampments**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
2008/9	£35,822.16	includes legal costs & clearing up costs
2009/10	£21,639.41	includes legal costs & clearing up costs
2010/11	£1,534.06	Clearing up costs

- 2. Please provide me with details about how much your council has spent, in each of the last three financial years, on unauthorised or temporary gypsy and traveller settlements.**

- Please provide a total expense figure for each of the financial years: 2008 - 2009; 2009 - 2010; 2010 - 2011.**
- Please include any costs spent on clearing sites, legal fees, clean-up costs, increased security measures to protect council land, waste disposal, bailiffs, barriers, CCTV systems and repairs and any other costs incurred.**
- If possible, please provide a breakdown of the costs for each of the three financial years.**

**If this breakdown of costs goes beyond the limits of time you can spend on this FOI application, please simply include a total figure for each financial year.**

**There are no unauthorised or temporary gypsy and traveller settlements in Leicester other than the encampments referred to in Q1.**

- 3. Please provide me with details about how many unauthorised gypsy and traveller encampments and settlements were dealt with by your council during the course of the last three financial years.**

- Please include the names of the locations of these unauthorised encampments / settlements, or a description of the site. For example a football pitch, school field or layby etc.**

Please see attached list

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**4. Please provide me with details about how much money has been set aside, if any, by your council for provision for dealing with future unauthorised gypsy and traveller encampments and settlements.**

There is an ongoing budget of £5,000 for the clearance of gypsy and traveller sites. Since 2009 the responsibility for dealing with illegal gypsy and traveller sites is with the Leicestershire County Council Multi Agency (MATU which is jointly funded by Leicester City, Leicestershire County Council and the District Councils.

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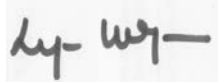
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', on a light-colored background.

*Lynn Wyeth*

Head of Information Governance

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