

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 am currently studying public policy at local government level in relation to faith and interfaith relations. Recently I have been trying to trace changes in Leicester's policies regarding cohesion, race relations and faith based participation in local government.

I have obtained copies of the 'key cohesion documents' on your website, but I would also like to obtain copies of any similar documents you have from before 2001, especially the period from 1997-2001.

Any key reports from the that period discussing the Council's strategy on race relations, multiculturalism, faith participation and related subjects would be welcome.

In addition, if there are any minutes that the Council holds from formal meetings with faith based or interfaith organisations such as the FMO or the Leicester Council of Faiths these would be welcome. (I have already examined the minutes of recent meetings about cohesion in Leicester via the Central Library.)

Response

Policy relating to race relations, multiculturalism and faith participation prior to 2001 would have been the responsibility of the Council's Equal Opportunities and Personnel Sub Committee. The minutes and papers for these meetings are now held on microfiche as part of the city's archives at the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Records Office. I suggest you contact them directly to arrange to access these records. The website, which includes contact details is at:

http://www.leics.gov.uk/index/leisure_tourism/local_history/recordoffice.htm

In terms of minutes of formal meetings with faith or interfaith groups; the main formal partnership arrangement is through the city's Stronger Communities Partnership which is one of the strategic theme groups that form part of the One Leicester local strategic partnership. The Stronger Communities Partnership web page is below - and this contains minutes and papers for meetings.

<http://www.oneleicester.com/leicester-partnership/about-us/olp-strategic-theme-groups/stronger-communities/>

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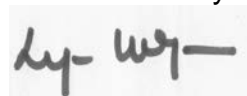
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Yours sincerely



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