

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Disabled Badges Fines

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

You asked:

I shall be interested to know how many Disabled Badge holders are fined the total amounts of the fines compared to the cost of running the Parking and Enforcement Team.

Answer:

Since commencement of parking enforcement across the City, in January 2007, we have issued 3,613 Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) to different disabled badge holders. All first time contraventions have been cancelled; further PCNs issued to the same holders will have stood.

To determine the total amount of PCN income subsequently generated by these badge holders re-offending would mean checking each individual case.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We estimate it will take 180 hours to process your request. This is calculated 3613 cases @ 3 minutes per case = 180.65 hours.

This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. We do have a duty to advise and assist you in refining your request under s16 of the Act so please don't hesitate to contact us if you need help in refining your request.

The cost of running the Parking and Enforcement Team during 2010/11 was £351,122.

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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

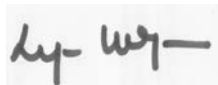
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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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