

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:

What sum of money has been spent in the calendar year 2011 by the Council on installing and/or running mechanical or electronic surveillance systems collecting information on Council employees and on analysing that information, whatever its nature?

£876.88 was spent on covert CCTV specifically for this purpose.

What sum of money was spent in the calendar year 2010 by the Council on installing and/or running mechanical or electronic surveillance systems collecting data on Council employees and on analysing that information, whatever its nature?

There are no records of any expenditure on collecting data on Council employees. The Council operates CCTV and door access systems but specific costs or analysis of data to specifically monitor employees are not split out from every day running costs. The systems are in place for security and safety reasons for both staff and the public. Should they rarely be used at any time to monitor employees, these costs are not calculated separately, and therefore this is information not held. Therefore, this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with this section of the Act, this information is not held.

What sum of money has been spent in the calendar year 2011 by the Council on private investigators (be they agencies, freelance or Council employees) involved in collecting and/or analysing information on Council employees, whatever the nature of that information.

None

What sum of money was spent in the calendar year 2010 by the Council on private investigators (be they agencies, freelance or Council employees) involved in collecting and/or analysing information on Council employees, whatever the nature of that information.

None

What was the nature of the information intended to be collected by any and all of the agents or devices detailed in the responses to questions 1 through 4?

The specific equipment referred to in Q1 was intended to record thefts from desks and drawers.

What action was taken by the Council as a result of collecting and/or receiving the information detailed in questions 1 through 5?

None, as no useful information was recorded.

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

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

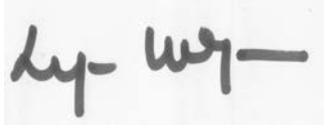
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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 the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature appears to be 'Lynn Wyeth' written in a cursive, slightly stylized font. The first name 'Lynn' is written with a large 'L' and 'y', and the last name 'Wyeth' follows with a horizontal line at the end.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager