

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:

Last year you were asked by a Concerned Citizen 'to please let us know what provisions you have in place in the event of a zombie invasion?'

Your admission of ill preparedness received widespread news coverage including on the BBC <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-13713798>

Have your plans been updated to include contingencies for combating a zombie invasion since the much publicised FOI request in 2011?

Unfortunately the media coverage which resulted from the last request for information relating to a zombie attack was slightly misleading. The media reported that Leicester City Council did not have a plan for a zombie invasion. This is not necessarily true. Whilst the Council does not have a specific plan for solely combatting zombies, it does, along with the local resilience forum, have robust plans in place which would cover many different eventualities. The plans are designed to cope with any emergency irrespective of how, where or when it occurs. The plans can be found at: <http://www.localresilienceforum.org.uk/library/>.

Has the Mayor or any of the assistant mayors had any discussions with council staff about zombies since coming to office?

No this matter has not been specifically discussed. The City Mayor has responsibility for emergency planning and resilience and so is regularly briefed in terms of our arrangements for dealing with any significant incident that may occur in the city.

How many Leicester City Council staff are zombies?

The Council holds a range of data about its workforce to support us in meeting our equalities duties. However, there is no requirement to collect information on the number of staff who are zombies. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

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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

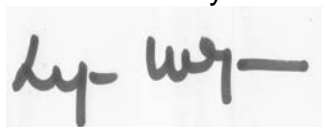
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely



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