

## 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:

- 1) **Have you paid local housing allowance direct to private landlords in the 2011-12 financial year?**

Yes

- 2) **If so, to how many private landlords have you paid LHA direct and what are their names?**

In total there are 720 properties in the city where LHA is paid directly.

Of these 250 are private landlords with 295 properties.

I can confirm that we hold the names of these landlords. However we are withholding this information since we consider that to be an absolute exemption under section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

There are 38 non personal landlords with a portfolio of 425 properties where LHA is being paid. The names of these are listed below:

A & S Properties	Nico Properties
Accommodation Agency	P S R Estates
Ace Properties	Pandd Ltd
B M Estates	Prestige Properties
Barton & Co	Prime Life Ltd
Belvoir Lettings Specialists	Priya Property Services
Bradgate Property Management	Ragi Properties Ltd
Elmfield Property Management	Rani Investments Ltd
Express Property Rentals	Readings Hope and Mann
Family Housing Ltd	S H Property Agents Ltd
Hammercliffe Estates	S R Property Services
Hand to Hand Ltd	Seths Estate Agents
Hari Investments	Seven Estates Ltd
Harrison Murray Lettings	Shonki Brothers Ltd
Homecome Ltd	Shonki Brothers (Leicester) Ltd
Houghton	Singla Properties Ltd
Keywest Estate Agents	Stoneleigh International Ltd
Knightsbridge Estate Agents	Taylors Residential Lettings
Leo Properties	
Letting Specialist	

**3) Have the landlords agreed to reduce rents in return for receiving LHA direct and if so by how much?**

The Council does not hold this information as this would be with individual landlords. Therefore, for this element of your request 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](mailto: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**

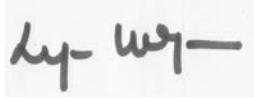
**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://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 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.

**Lynn Wyeth**  
**Information Governance Manager**