

## 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:**

**Can you please provide me with a complete breakdown for the costs amounting to £1,051.00 which were, apparently, accorded to the usage of the "Health & Safety Team".**

**ANSWER:**

The breakdown of the Health and Safety Team officers time is given in the 4 excel spread sheets and summarised in total as £1,051.00 in the Costs Schedule attached as a word document.

**Would you please detail exactly where, when, how & why the "Health & Safety Team" were involved in this prosecution.**

The Health and Safety Team were involved in the investigation of offences at 171 and 171A Evington Road, Leicester and the associated officer working time is shown in the 4 spread sheets.

**From a previous FOI it was ratified that:- "This was a full time post of 37 hours per week. The salary band for the 3 solicitors currently sharing the responsibility is Band 13 (£47,008 - £50,480)". Using the higher figure of £50,480, we ascertain that an hourly rate is therefore**

**$52 / 50,480 = £970.76$  per week (income)**

**= £26.237 per hourly rate (@ 37 hours per week)**

**According to charges made by LCC, "Legal Services" have been charged @ £66.00 per hour, realising a remarkable 21.4 hours work. Could you therefore please furnish me with a full breakdown of this 21.4 hours endeavour?**

The salary scale quoted within the question above does not reflect the salary of any Legal Services staff engaged in this case.

Legal Services spent 21.4 hours on this case at a rate of £66 per hour, totalling £1,412.40 as shown in the Costs Schedule. This figure reflects the fact that the case originally involved prosecution action against two defendants. A full breakdown of these costs is not available in the form as provided on the day of the hearing, as the case management system used records time continuously including work carried out on the file after conviction, however a full breakdown was provided to the defence advocate and the Court Legal Advisor on the day of the hearing therefore it may be possible to obtain a copy by making a request to Leicester Magistrates Court. The Council does not hold this information. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
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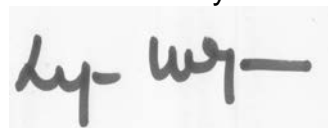
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**Wycliffe House**  
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Yours sincerely



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## **Information Governance Manager**