

## **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 was the total income generated by the Council in sales, fees, charges and penalties (not including Council Tax or non-domestic rates) for the period 2008-2009?**

This information is not readily available as it is held as archived data. The Council changed its main accounting system on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 and the interrogation tools available on previous data are limited and not able to provide this analysis without substantial manual work. There are over 2 million records held on the archived database which would take well over 18 hours. 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.

**What was the total income generated by the Council in sales, fees, charges and penalties (not including Council Tax or non-domestic rates) for the period 2009-2010?**

The total income generated for 2009/10 was £144.371m (including housing rents).

**What was the total income generated by the Council in sales, fees, charges and penalties (not including Council Tax or non-domestic rates) for the period 2010-2011?**

The total income generated for 2010/11 was £147.535m (including housing rents).

**What is the projected figure for the income generated by the Council in sales, fees, charges and penalties (not including Council Tax or non-domestic rates) for the period 2011-2012?**

The Council expects to achieve a year end position as per the budgeted income of £146.555m (including housing rents).

**What is the projected figure for the income generated by Council in sales, fees, charges and penalties (not including Council Tax or non-domestic rates) for the period 2012-2013?**

The budgeted income for 2012/13 is £152.907m (including housing rents).

**Please list all the sales, fees, charges and penalties which have been increased or introduced in the period 2011-2012. Please state the previous charge and the new charge.**

The council does not maintain a central record of fees and charges. There are over 2 million records held on the archived database which would take well over 18 hours. 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.

**Please list all sales, fees, charges and penalties which you plan to introduce or increase during the period 2012-2013. Please state the previous charge, the new charge and the date on which you plan to implement these increased charges.**

The council does not maintain a central record of fees and charges. The 2012/13 budget assumes an increase of 2% for general fund fees and charges. The council has increased housing rents by an average of 7.2%. Other increases over and above the assumed 2% are generally included in the General Fund budget report which can be found using the following link: <http://www.cabinet.leicester.gov.uk:8071/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=81&MIId=3805&Ver=4>

**Please list all sales, fees, charges and penalties which you plan to reduce or scrap in the period 2012-2013. Please state the previous charge, the new charge and the date on which you plan to implement these reduced charges.**

Should this apply, details of proposals will be found within the report referenced in the answer to question 7.

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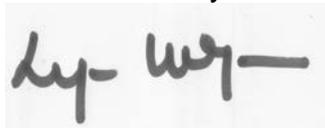
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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 the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

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