

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:

A breakdown of the costs of the Leicester City Council Leader's annual allowance in the financial year 2000- 2001 and from each financial year from 2009-2011.

ANSWER:

| Leaders Allowance | £ | Notes |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| 2000 – 2001 | £24,803 | + Basic Allowance £4,481 |
| 2009 – 2010 | £45,591 | + Basic Allowance £9,732 |
| 2010 – 2011 | £45,591 | + Basic Allowance £9,732 |

2011 – 2012 information is not available yet. 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.

Leader replaced by City Mayor, allowance under review.

2009 – 2011 Scheme allows for £46,046+ £9,829 Basic Allowance but pay increase not claimed.

The total cost of Leicester City Council Members' allowances in the financial year 2000-2001 and each financial year from 2009-2011.

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2000 – 2001 | £393,752 |
| 2009 – 2010 | £950,310 |
| 2010 – 2011 | £975,764 |
| 2011 – 2012 | Not yet available |

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The annual percentage of Leicester City Council tax spent on Councillor/Member allowances in the financial year 2000-2001 and each financial year from 2009-2011.

| | Council Tax Income £000's |
|-------------|---------------------------|
| 2000 – 2001 | £56,500 |
| 2009 – 2010 | £91,100 |
| 2010 – 2011 | £93,500 |
| 2011 – 2012 | Not yet available |

Cost of Members Allowances £000's

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2000 – 2001 | 394 |
| 2009 – 2010 | 950 |
| 2010 – 2011 | 958 |
| 2011 – 2012 | Not yet available |

Cost of MA as % of Council Tax collected

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2000 – 2001 | 0.70 |
| 2009 – 2010 | 1.04 |
| 2010 – 2011 | 1.02 |
| 2011 – 2012 | Not yet available |

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The number of Leicester City Council Members enrolled onto the Local Government Pension Scheme in the financial year 2000-2001.

We have been advised by Leicestershire County Council (who administer the countywide pension fund) that no Members enrolled onto the Local Government Pension scheme in 2000 – 2001. Members were not eligible to join until approximately 2003.

The annual cost to Leicester City Council of employer contributions into the Local Government Pension Scheme in the financial year 2000-2001.

In accordance to the answers above there was, therefore, no cost to Leicester City Council for contributions to the LGPS in 2000 – 2001.

The annual percentage of Leicester City Council tax spent on employer contributions into the Local Government Pension Scheme in the financial year 2000-2001 and each financial year from 2009-2011.

Cost of Employer Contributions

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2000 – 2001 | £0 |
| 2009 – 2010 | £39,642 |
| 2010 – 2011 | £35,031 |
| 2011 – 2012 | Not yet available |

Cost of Employer contributions £000's

| | |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 2000 – 2001 | 0 |
| 2009 – 2010 | 39.6 |
| 2010 – 2011 | 35.0 |
| 2011 – 2012 | Not yet available |

Cost of Employer Contributions as % of Council Tax Income

| | |
|-------------|------|
| 2000 – 2001 | |
| 2009 – 2010 | 0.04 |
| 2010 – 2011 | 0.04 |

2011 – 2012

Not yet available

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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.

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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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