

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - New Homes Bonus Scheme

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

- 1. Where money received through the New Homes Bonus scheme in year one payments was spent. This was paid from the Communities and Local Government department to councils in April 2011.**
- 2. Whether this money has gone into a general fund, or been spent on a specific project**
- 3. If the money has been spent on housing, how many of those homes were affordable**

The £1.4m New Homes Bonus expected by Leicester City Council in 2011/12 is being used to support the Council's budget generally, rather than being spent on specific projects. This is in the context of the significant reductions to the Council's funding and recognises that the New Homes Bonus is top-sliced from Local Government Formula Grant at national level (such that it is not "new" money for Local Government).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Head of Information Governance
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

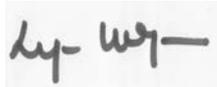
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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 Head of Information Governance before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

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

Lynn Wyeth

Head of Information Governance