

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:

How many of these leaflets were printed?

ANSWER: 20,000.

What were the mechanisms by which Leicester City Council distributed these leaflets?

17,000 dispatched via Royal Mail to households of secondary age children, 3,000 distributed via service points and staff/partners in appropriate service areas.

What was the total cost of printing and distributing these leaflets?

Printing costs were £1,087, distribution costs are estimated to be £6,800.

What proportion of this cost was borne by Leicester City Council?

100%.

How many places were designated as the 'places of safety' described on these leaflets?

2 locations being Watershed Youth Centre and Belgrave Neighbourhood Centre.

What was the total cost of providing and staffing these places?

Not separately identifiable as an additional cost. These facilities would have been open and staffed for business as usual regardless of the demonstrations that took place. 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 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

What proportion of this cost was borne by Leicester City Council?

100%.

How many children were taken to designated places of safety on 4th Feb?

None.

What 'distraction' activities were provided by Leicester City Council in order to encourage young people to stay away from the demonstrations on 4th February?

Please see the attached list and also free swimming at Council facilities for all.

What was the total cost of providing these distraction activities?

Some activities were provided by external partners/voluntary sector and therefore these are real additional costs of £10,508. A number of activities were provided by the Youth Service and therefore any additional costs have

been accommodated within the services budget. It is difficult to identify what is in fact a real additional cost (i.e. youth workers who worked and were paid for additional hours as opposed to their normal working hours or time off in lieu).

What was the total cost to Leicester City Council of the EDL and counter demonstrations of 4th February?

The total additional costs to the Council were £44,161. This represents additional expenditure directly attributable to the demonstrations that took place on the 4th February. In addition, some 2,900 staff hours were logged as worked in relation to the demonstrations (both before in preparation and on the day). This includes senior management time, risk and emergency management staff, youth workers and environmental staff. It is not possible to identify which of these hours are directly additional costs due to shift working patterns and time off in lieu arrangements. What has been included in the additional cost identified above is overtime payments identified as due to the demonstrations.

From which Council budget(s) was this money allocated?

The Council does not budget for this type of event however it is expected that the costs identified above will be accommodated within its overall revenue budget.

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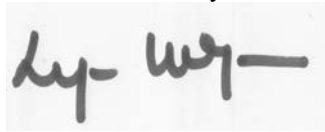
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink on a light grey background. The signature appears to be 'Lynn Wyeth' written in a cursive style.

Lynn Wyeth

Information Governance Manager