

## **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 are the current security contracts?**

### **ANSWER:**

Leicester City Council like many other local Authorities access supplies in a variety of ways. Currently we use ESPO (Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation) security contracts 209 & 347.

### **Which Company/ies are the Security Contracts with?**

The following companies are on ESPO Frameworks.

#### Frameworks 209

Ashstead Plant Hire Company

AG Products

AVC Productions

Bay TV

Bright Spark Fireworks

Chameleon Pro Audio & Lighting

The Cloud One Grp

DCRS - Direct Communications

Fantastic Fireworks

GAP Group

Kingsmead Marquees

Leicester Sound & Lighting

Marquees by Stuart

Mike Weaver

Mobile CCTV

Ninehundred Communications

Oxfam Festivals

Piggotts Company

Pinnacle Marquees

Portakabin

Positive Media Promotions

Red Herring Event Services

SES Technical

Show & Event Security

Speedy Hire

Squirealarms

SSE Audio Group

Star Events Group

The Stunning Tents Company

Tardis

White Light

YSL Videowall Hire

Zique Audiow **to participate**

## Frameworks 347

Duval Security

Guardian Protection Services

Ideal Security Services

MITIE Security

Premier Security Services (PSS) T/A Regent Security

Profile Security

Securitas (formerly Chubb Security Personnel)

VSG

### **How often are these renewed?**

Contracts would be renewed to start at the expiry of the current contract.

### **When does the current Security contract expire?**

ESPO Contract 209 was awarded to 31 January 2013 with options to extend to 31 January 2014.

ESPO Contract 347 was awarded to 5 April 2012 with options to extend to 5 April 2014.

### **What are the costs of the security contracts?**

There is no set contract value as such as the Council calls upon the contractor as needed for additional staff, usually due to vacant posts or specific events. In 2011/12, the Council spent £73,864 on external contract security staff.

### **What is the Council's budget for security contracts?**

There is no set budget for Security contracts, as costs are usually met either from the pay budget for vacant posts or budgets for specific events.

### **Which events do the current Security contracts cover?**

There is no central log for what events have used security. Individual teams book security as and when required. We would have to contact every team with the council to gather this information. 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. This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

The scope for contract 209 is: Event & Festival Equipment & services

The scope for contract 347 is: Security Services

### **What else is external Security Companies contracted to within the Council?**

This contract is used purely for security, as and when required.

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**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

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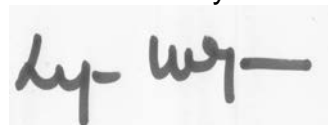
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Yours sincerely



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**Information Governance Manager**