

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:

For each of the last five years, the total headcount of staff at the beginning of the calendar year (or fiscal year if you cannot provide this) and the total number of posts that were vacant at that date. By 'vacant' we mean including posts which would be filled if a suitable candidate were available (even if cover was being provided by temporary staff or agency workers).

We would be grateful if you could insert your data to answer this request into the attached spreadsheet in the cells highlighted in BLUE.

For each of the last five years, at the beginning of the calendar year (or fiscal year if you cannot provide this), the total headcount of staff and the number of posts that were vacant split by the following National Joint Council for Local Government Service salary scale categories (or the Council's equivalent – the relevant pay ranges for 2011/12 are given in brackets):

- a. Below grade 4**
- b. 4-17 (£12,145 - £16,830)**
- c. 18-33 (£17,161 - £27,849)**
- d. 34-49 (£28,636 - £41,616)**
- e. 50-65 (£42,605 - £57,455)**
- f. Above grade 65 (including Chief/Senior Officers not on (or whose remuneration exceeds) the Local Government salary scales).**

ANSWER:

Due to the way our system is set up we will not be able to provide vacancies in each year. Our establishment records i.e. FTE, current posts, obsolete posts etc are not recorded on our system as it was not set up to record vacancies in this way. A new establishment control policy is being written and once approved will record this information in future.

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. However, we are able to provide the following head counts for each year.

Head count at beginning of calendar year 2008 was 13973
Head count at beginning of calendar year 2009 was 14313
Head count at beginning of calendar year 2010 was 14868
Head count at beginning of calendar year 2011 was 15123
Head count at beginning of calendar year 2012 was 14621

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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
e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

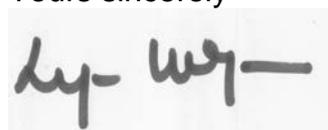
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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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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