

## **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:**

**Grants issued to the voluntary and community sector in 2011-12**

**The total amount in £ of expenditure issued to voluntary and community sector organisations through all local authority grants programmes for the year 2011-12**

**ANSWER:**

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.

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.

**The total number of grants issued to voluntary and community sector organisations during the year 2011-12**

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**Your total grant budget for the year 2011-12, including all local authority grant fund programmes**

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**Contracts issued to the voluntary and community sector in 2011-12**

**The total amount in £ of expenditure through direct contracts (defined as an agreement made directly with a voluntary sector organisation or group of organisations to deliver services on behalf of the council) to voluntary and community sector organisations for the year 2011-12**

£20,933,875

**The total amount in £ of expenditure through indirect contracts (defined as an agreement with a provider which is not a voluntary sector organisation, group or consortia but makes explicit reference to sub-contracting with the voluntary and community sector) involving voluntary and community sector organisations during 2011-12**

We are not able to answer the questions about indirect contracts as we do not collate this information. 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.

**The total number of direct contracts issued to voluntary and community sector organisations during the year 2011-12**

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**The total number of indirect contracts issued involving the voluntary and community sector organisations during 2011-12**

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**Your total contract budget for the year 2011-12, including all local authority contract programmes**

£20,933,875

**Budget allocation**

**Your total budget allocation in £ for the year 2011-12, including local revenue, business rates and grant allocation provided by central government**

Public information available on City Council website - council meetings in February 2011 and February 2012. For your information this letter constitutes a refusal notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because an exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied, namely the information is accessible by other means.

### **Grants issued to the voluntary and community sector in 2012-13**

**The total amount in £ of your budget allocation anticipated to be issued to voluntary and community sector organisations through all local authority grants programmes for the year 2012-13**

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**The total anticipated number of grants issued to voluntary and community sector organisations during the year 2012-13**

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**Your total grant budget for the year 2012-13, including all local authority grant fund programmes**

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**Contracts issued to the voluntary and community sector in 2012-13**

**The total amount in £ of your budget currently allocated to direct contracts (defined as an agreement made directly with a voluntary sector organisation or group of organisations to deliver services on behalf of the council) to voluntary and community sector organisations for the year 2012-13**

£20,705,563

**The total amount in £ of your budget currently allocated to indirect contracts (defined as an agreement with a provider which is not a voluntary sector organisation, group or consortia which makes explicit reference to sub-contracting with the voluntary and community sector) involving voluntary and community sector organisations during 2012-13**

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**The total anticipated number of direct contracts issued to voluntary and community sector organisations during the year 2012-13**

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**The total anticipated number of indirect contracts issued involving the voluntary and community sector organisations during 2012-13**

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## **Budget allocation**

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## **Engagement with the VCS**

**The number of consultations (including average length of consultation period) issued concerning changes to local policies in 2011-12**

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**The number of consultations (including average length of consultation period) issued about changes to funding arrangements with the voluntary and community sector (through grants and contracts) from the financial year 2011-12 to 2012-13**

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**The number of changes to funding arrangements with the voluntary and community sector (through grants and contracts) from the financial years 2011-12 to 2012-13 issued with less than three months' notice**

**given directly to the affected organisation about the specific changes affecting them**

None, there were no changes made to the VCS funding arrangements where less than three months' notice was given.

**The number of changes to funding arrangements from the financial years 2011-12 to 2012-13 issued with three months or more notice given directly to the affected organisation about the specific changes affecting them**

We have no figure, but any funding arrangements that have changed would have been given three months' notice. 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.

**The total number of changes to funding arrangements with the voluntary and community sector (through grants and contracts) from the financial years 2011-12 to 2012-13**

We don't hold this level of detailed data, many VCS contracts are currently under review, so there have been limited changes. 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.

**The number of impact assessments issued prior to policy or funding decisions being made and/or implemented**

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**Whether the local authority is currently signatory to a local Compact, and if so, which one.**

Yes, the Leicester Compact.

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**Information Governance Manager**

**Information and Support**

**Leicester City Council**

**FREEPOST (LE985/33)**

**New Walk Centre**

**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:info.requests@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**

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