

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:

Regarding the below article:

<http://www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/Bus-lane-misuse-sees-200-pay-penalty/story-16504509-detail/story.html>

I would like to submit a freedom of information request to establish who the authorised users are with "Leicester City Council and Network Rail". I appreciate that personal information regarding individuals may not be sent, however titles, roles & reasons for permits may be given?

In terms of my request if you have stats to your disposal regarding my request associate:

- **Average term of post held**
- **Average salary**
- **Justifications for access (as recorded on your systems)**
- **The associated business need for the access**

ANSWER

- 1 Network Rail approached the Council to seek permission for their liveried vehicles to be able to use Leicester's bus lanes whilst responding to an emergency, such as bridge strike or derailment on their network. As using a bus lane is a Criminal as well as Civil offence, the Council discussed the request with the Chief Constable and both parties agreed that such an exemption would be acceptable. The council does not hold information about Network Rail staff grading or length of service.
- 2 In relation to bus lanes, the exemption is for buses (vehicles over 10 seats), hackney carriages, cycles, emergency service vehicles, network rail vehicles described in (1) and certain other vehicles required to be in or drive through a bus lane for operational reasons (see 3 and 4)
- 3 Leicester City Council vehicles that have been exempted in addition to our bus fleet are.

City Highways Vehicles are operationally required to carry out our Statutory Duty to maintain the roads, (gully cleaning, road gritting, highways repairs and maintenance). City Highways have confirmed that staff operational staff will be graded (£17,161 - £19,126) and supervisor (£28,636 - £30,851).

Cleansing vehicles are operationally required to carry out our Statutory Duty to clean the Highway, (road sweeping, litter bin emptying City

Cleansing have indicated operational staff will be graded (£13,874 - £15,444) and supervisors graded (£25,472 - £30,851).

- 4 In addition, the City Council has a contract with JC Decaux for the supply and maintenance of our bus shelters, therefore, certain JC Decaux vehicles are permitted to use the bus lanes whilst undertaking shelter maintenance works (cleaning, repairs etc) The council does not hold information relating to their staff grading.

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Leicester City Council
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Yours sincerely

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