

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:

I am requesting information from you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I want to know whether the Council has any history of employing security companies who offer 'property guardians' as part of their service, in order to secure and maintain properties (either residential or otherwise) owned or managed by the Council. I have a number of questions which I hope will enable you to answer my request specifically.

- 1. Does or has the council had any contract with security companies that offer 'property guardians'? If there have been multiple contracts, please give the names of each separate company employed, broken down annually.**
- 2. If so, how much has the council spent on employing security companies that offer 'property guardians'? Please also break this down annually since the council began employing such companies. If this is not possible, please indicate in which years/for how long the council has been using these organisations.**
- 3. How many properties have been given over to security companies offering 'property guardians' as part of their service? Please also break this down annually, and by type of property if known (eg house, flat, office).**
- 4. What was the most recent application process and was there a tendering/bidding process?**
- 5. Were there multiple bidders for the contract, and if so, who?**
- 6. If possible, could you indicate why the council has chosen property guardians over more conventional guarding services (ie. Security guards and/or boarding up the property).**

ANSWER

Leicester City Council's Property division have not used "property guardians" for any of our empty properties

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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

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

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