

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 writing to make an open request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible. However, if you feel that this request is too wide or too unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters.

- 1. How much money has Leicester City Council allocated to carrying out its statutory duties (maintenance, signposting & waymarking, keeping paths free from obstruction, and keeping the definitive map and statement up to date) in respect of public rights of way every year since 2009?**

ANSWER

The Council allocates £5,000 of highway maintenance budget per annum to Public Rights of Way (PROW).

- 2. The number of staff and officers employed for undertaking the statutory duties of, and any other budget allocated, for maintenance, signposting & waymarking, for keeping paths free from obstruction, and keeping the definitive map and statement up to date for each year since 2009?**

Various staff are involved such as Legal Services, Highway Officers and Highway Inspectors and these officers work on issues relating to the whole highway network including the PROW network. The city's PROW network is very small in comparison to the whole highway network and hence there isn't staff whose work solely relates to the PROW network. An approximate figure is 3 full time equivalent officers working on PROW.

Capital spends on the PROW network are £18,000 in 2009/10, £8,000 in 2010/11 and £6,000 in 2011/12.

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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: 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.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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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