

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:

***Does your authority have a Planning Committee for the whole of your area or do you have committees split by geographical areas i.e. North Area Committee & South Area Committee?**

ANSWER

We have a single Planning Committee for the whole district.

***What percentage of planning applications were referred to the Planning Committee in 2011/12?**

The percentage of committee decisions during 2011-2012 was 6.0%.

***What percentage of decisions were upheld by committee members in 2011/12?**

We have assumed for this question that you wanted to know what percentage of RECOMMENDATIONS were upheld by committee.
9.1% of recommendations were overturned by committee; 90.9% of recommendations were upheld.

***Why do applications get referred to your Planning Committee? Is there a set criteria for referring applications?**

Our scheme of delegation of planning decisions to officers is on our web page:
<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/planning/planningapplications/makeanapplication/adviceforapplications/delegated-powers-scheme/>

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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

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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