

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

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You asked:

Education Act 1996

508 Functions in respect of facilities for recreation and social and physical training.

(1) A local education authority shall secure that the facilities for primary, [\[F1\]](#) and secondary education] provided for their area include adequate facilities for recreation and social and physical training.

[\[F2\]](#) (1A) A local education authority may provide facilities for recreation and social and physical training as part of the facilities for further education provided (whether or not by them) for their area.]

(2) [\[F3\]](#) For the purpose of subsection (1) or (1A)] a local education authority—

(a) may establish, maintain and manage, or assist the establishment, maintenance and management of,—

(i) camps, holiday classes, playing fields, play centres, and

(ii) other places, including playgrounds, gymnasiums and swimming baths not appropriated to any school or other educational institution, at which facilities for recreation and social and physical training are available for persons receiving primary, secondary or further education;

(b) may organise games, expeditions and other activities for such persons; and

(c) may defray, or contribute towards, the expenses of such games, expeditions and other activities.

(3) When making arrangements for the provision of facilities or the organisation of activities in the exercise of their powers under subsection (2), a local education authority shall, in particular, have regard to the expediency of co-operating with any voluntary societies or bodies whose objects include the provision of facilities or the organisation of activities of a similar character.

Education and Inspection Act 2006

Commenced 8th January 2007

Functions in respect of youth work, recreation etc

(1) Before section 508 of EA 1996 (functions of LEA in respect of facilities for recreation and social and physical training), and immediately after the cross-heading which precedes that section, insert—

“507 ALEAs in England: functions in respect of recreational and training facilities for children under 13

(1) A local education authority in England must secure that the facilities for primary and secondary education provided for their area include adequate facilities for recreation and social and physical training for children who have not attained the age of 13.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) a local education authority may—

(a) establish, maintain and manage, or assist the establishment, maintenance and management of—

(i) camps, holiday classes, playing fields, play centres, and

(ii) other places, including playgrounds, gymnasiums and swimming baths not appropriated to any school or other educational institution, at which facilities for recreation and social and physical training are available for persons receiving primary or secondary education;

(b) organise games, expeditions and other activities for such persons; and

(c) defray, or contribute towards, the expenses of such games, expeditions and other activities.

(3) When making arrangements for the provision of facilities or the organisation of activities in the exercise of their powers under subsection (2), a local education authority must, in particular, have regard to the expediency of co-operating with any voluntary societies or bodies whose objects include the provision of facilities or the organisation of activities of a similar character.

507B LEAs in England: functions in respect of leisure-time activities etc for persons aged 13 to 19 and certain persons aged 20 to 24

(1) A local education authority in England must, so far as reasonably practicable, secure for qualifying young persons in the authority's area access to—

(a) sufficient educational leisure-time activities which are for the improvement of their well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities; and

(b) sufficient recreational leisure-time activities which are for the improvement of their well-being, and sufficient facilities for such activities.

(2) “Qualifying young persons”, for the purposes of this section, are—

(a) persons who have attained the age of 13 but not the age of 20; and

(b) persons who have attained the age of 20 but not the age of 25 and have a learning difficulty (within the meaning of section 13(5)(a) and (6) of the Learning and Skills Act 2000).

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1)(a)—

(a) “sufficient educational leisure-time activities” which are for the improvement of the well-being of qualifying young persons in the authority's area must include sufficient educational leisure-time activities which are for the improvement of their personal and social development, and

(b) “sufficient facilities for such activities” must include sufficient facilities for educational leisure-time activities which are for the improvement of the personal and social development of qualifying young persons in the authority's area.

(4) References in the remaining provisions of this section to “positive leisure-time activities” are references to any activities falling within

paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection (1).

(5) For the purposes of subsection (1) a local education authority may—

(a) provide facilities for positive leisure-time activities;

(b) assist others in the provision of such facilities;

(c) make arrangements for facilitating access for qualifying young persons to such facilities;

(d) organise positive leisure-time activities;

(e) assist others in the organisation of such activities;

(f) make arrangements for facilitating access for qualifying young persons to such activities;

(g) enter into agreements or make arrangements with any person in connection with anything done or proposed to be done under any of paragraphs (a) to (f);

(h) take any other action which the authority think appropriate.

(6) For the purposes of subsection (5)—

(a) the provision mentioned in paragraph (a) may include establishing, maintaining and managing places at which facilities for positive leisure-time activities are provided;

(b) the assistance mentioned in paragraphs (b) and (e) may include the provision of financial assistance;

(c) the arrangements mentioned in paragraphs (c) and (f) may include the provision of transport, of financial assistance or of information to any person.

(7) Before taking any action for the purposes of subsection (1) (“the proposed action”), a local education authority must—

(a) consider whether it is expedient for the proposed action to be taken by another person, and

(b) where the authority consider that it is so expedient, take all reasonable steps to enter into an agreement or make arrangements with such a person for that purpose.

(8) For the purposes of subsection (7)(a) a local education authority must consult such persons as the authority think appropriate as to whether it is expedient for the proposed action to be taken by another person.

(9) In exercising their functions under this section a local education authority must—

(a) take steps to ascertain the views of qualifying young persons in the authority's area about—

(i) positive leisure-time activities, and facilities for such activities, in the authority's area;

(ii) the need for any additional such activities and facilities; and

(iii) access to such activities and facilities; and

(b) secure that the views of qualifying young persons in the authority's area are taken into account.

(10) A local education authority in England must—

(a) publicise information about positive leisure-time activities, and facilities for such activities, in the authority's area, and

(b) keep the information publicised under paragraph (a) up to date.

(11) A local education authority may charge in respect of anything provided by the authority under this section where the provision is to a qualifying young person (whether or not in the authority's area).

Please access our specific questions at as regards these sections of the Acts at <http://tinyurl.com/FP-LEA> or ask to be sent an Excel file containing them.

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.

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.

We are able to provide the following information about provision for young people in the city:

[Information regarding Young people aged 13-19, and certain persons aged 20 to 24](#)

Leicester City Council fulfils its duties to qualifying young people with in the act by providing and commissioning educational based youth work directly in 14 building based centres. This figure has stayed stable with no reduction over the last 5 years.

Leicester City Council delivers and commissions a wide range of street based work by means of three widening participation teams. The service works with a diverse wide range of young people reflecting the communities of Leicester. The Authority also delivers Educational Youth Work by funding community groups and the voluntary sector.

The total local authority youth service budget for in 2010/11 was £3,868,616 and in 2011/12 was £3,277,532. The planned youth service budget for 2012/13 is £3,488,300.

The local authority youth service expenditure per capita spend was £160 in 2010/11, £135.61 in 2011/12 and the planned/forecast/budgeted youth service expenditure per capita in 2012/1 £144.33.

FTE number of local authority staff employed delivering youth services in 2010/11 (where no stable full-year figure exists, please use March/April 2010) was a head count of 137; in 2011/12 (where no stable full-year figure exists, please use March/April 2012) was 137 Head count and the FTE number of local authority staff planned/forecast/budgeted to be employed delivering youth services by the end of 2012/13 the head count is estimated to be 133. Leicester City Council has an active Youth People's Council and Young Advisor scheme which it uses for consultation on all Authority work, and

young people are supported to influence their communities in the neighbourhood.

The work of the youth service is publicised locally and is included on the Leicester City Council Web site, on which the Youth pages are currently being revised and up graded.

Leicester City Council is currently undergoing a Commissioning Review for services for 0-19 year olds, and this has provide the opportunity for young people to contribute to the review and be actively engaged in the local Youth Offer.

The elected Leicester City Mayor has a mayoral pledge for a gold standard youth service and young people will be actively involved in the delivery of this mayoral pledge through a gold standard delivery group.

Information for children under 13

In relation to activities for primary and secondary school children, Early Prevention procure summer playscheme activity (£199K last year), and Adventure Playgrounds (£816k last year).

In relation to 'play centres' and activities for primary aged children, we deliver or procure 23 Children's centres across the City which provide a range of activities and services for children aged between 0-12 and their families, which may include activity that primary school age children access. The cost of this provision in total is £12M

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required. We do have a duty to advise and assist you in refining your request under s16 of the Act so please don't hesitate to contact us if you need help in refining your request

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Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

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Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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