

## 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:**

**If possible I would like to know the following:**

- 1. How many members of staff (full-time equivalent) are currently employed in the planning department?**

ANSWER

57.5

- 2. How many members of staff (FTE) have been employed in the planning department from 2007 to 2012? Please provide an annual breakdown.**

2009-10: 76

2010-11: 68

2011-12: 62

2012-13: 60

Please note: we no longer hold figures for 2007 and 2008. Therefore this letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

- 3. What is the average length of time it takes for a decision to be made on a planning application?**

The average time for the decisions made in July was 77.9 days.

- 4. What was the average length of time it took for a decision to be made on planning applications from 2007 to 2012? Please provide an annual breakdown.**

2007: 61.3

2008: 59.4

2009: 61.6

2010: 59.4

2011: 64.5

- 5. How many planning applications were received from 2007 to 2012? Please provide an annual breakdown.**

2007: 2109

2008: 1798

2009: 1505  
2010: 1628  
2011: 1606

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**Information and Support**

**Leicester City Council**

**FREEPOST (LE985/33)**

**New Walk Centre**

**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

e-mail: [info.requests@leicester.gov.uk](mailto: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.

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**Information Commissioner's Office**

**Wycliffe House**

**Water Lane**

**Wilmslow SK9 5AF**

**Telephone: 01625 545 700**

[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

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Yours sincerely

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