

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:

Please can you tell me the cost to the council for allowing the Olympic Torch to pass through the city?

Please could you provide a breakdown of the costs such as extra pay for staff, extra cost of policing, road closures, branded bunting and other associated costs.

In addition, could you tell me what income, if any, was earned from the procession from parking, selling advertising space etc.

ANSWER:

The Council does not hold records about the costs incurred by Leicestershire Constabulary. Therefore this part of 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.

The cost of delivering the Torch Relay Dress Rehearsal in April 2012 was £13,194.00. This was a national event organised by the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG) to test all logistics before the Olympic Torch arrived in the UK. Leicester and Leicestershire were chosen because these locations enabled LOCOG to test the Torch Run in a variety of settings.

The cost to deliver the Torch Relay and Evening Celebration at Abbey Park in July 2012 was £109,034.00 with £9,800.00 generated in income, meaning an actual cost to the Council of £99,234.00. These costs include some estimates where final figures are not yet available.

The cost to host the Olympic 2012 Sports Fest, marking the arrival of the Paralympic Flame in the city in August was £33,898.00. However £35,000.00 of income through external funding was received for this event, so there was nil cost to the Council.

The banners on street lampposts were in place from June 2012 to the week commencing 10th September 2012 and not just during the two days of the Olympic Torch Relay. There were 10 different banner designs displayed. It took between 2/3 days to erect all of the banners with various numbers of personnel. The total cost of all 96 banners was £18,624.00 which included production, installation and removal. However these specific costs were paid from LOCOG funding.

Other items relating to the Torch Relay e.g. litter collection by parks officers, technical assistance by traffic management officers were covered internally

within existing staffing structures and rotas, and as such there would be no way to determine what the cost was.

These total combined costs are the additional costs incurred by the City Council.

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Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

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Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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