

## 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:

**Bus 55 (operated by Centrebus).**  
**(S.M.B.S. - Thurcaston)**

The above bus service operates Mon – Sat (0755 – 1830 HRS)

Up until approx. 2-3 years ago the service was supported (financially) by Leicester City Council. Like other 'supported' services it has not been advertised by Leicester City Council. At least for 10-15 years. Likewise 'Flexiticket'.

The bus service (no. 55), has suffered 4 – 5 stays of execution by Leicestershire County Council over the last 2 - 3 years.

### ANSWER

Generally, Leicester City Council has supported Service 55 since 2000/2001. The service is advertised on City Centre timetable displays and timetable leaflets are also produced for the service which should be available on the bus and from St Margaret's Bus Station. The bus service is one of those under review by the City Council along with all other supported services.

**Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) please supply the following information: –**

**a) when did the City Council handover (financial) support to the (Leicestershire) County Council (Conservative controlled)?**  
Leicester City Council has supported Service 55 since 2000/2001 and continues to do so. This service has never been financially supported by Leicestershire County Council.

**b) Why was (financial) support handed over to the County Council; given that only 2 miles of the journey is in (Leicestershire) the County?**

Financial support has not been handed over to the County Council.

**c) Does the present City Council purpose to 'take back' (financially) the (55 bus) service?**

Not applicable, see above.

**d) The financial cost to the City Council in the last 3 years of support?**

Financial cost of the service over the last 3 years:

April 2009 – March 2010 = £55,537.04

April 2010 – March 2011 = £55,537.04

April 2011 – March 2012 = £60,465.43

April 2012 – July 2012 = £22,741.80

**e) i) Receipts.**

This information is not available as it is not Council income. Centrebus, as operator, takes the revenue risk and keeps income from fares. Therefore this part of the 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.

**and ii) Number of passengers for EACH of the last 3 years of support (item D)?**

2009/10 57,438;

2010/11 56,948;

2011/12 41,952;

2012/13 (4 months) 11,660.

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**Leicester City Council**

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**LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**

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