**You asked for:**

**Please could I request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:**

**Please could you email me copies of all external correspondence about the impact of the referendum decision to leave the European Union (“Brexit”), sent since June 23rd 2016. Specifically:**

**Correspondence between your authority and any Government department**

**If costs allow, correspondence between your authority and other local and regional authorities**

**If costs allow, correspondence between your authority and local employers**

Answer:

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.

Leicester City Council has over 7,000 members of staff and would need to contact every member of staff asking to check their email accounts for any correspondence regarding the impact of the referendum decision to leave the European Union.

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.

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.

You may re-use the information under an [Open Government Licence](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/2/).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

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