# Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has now been considered. The Council holds the information requested.

# You asked for:

1. **House Numbering - Do you control/regulate the numbering and naming of all houses in the district or only on certain street, or is this policy the responsibility of another authority in your district?**
2. **Street Naming - Which of the following legislation, or otherwise, do you use to control street naming;**

**The Towns Improvement Clauses Act 1847 clause 64 The Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1907 clause 21 The Public Health Act 1925 clauses 17-19**

In respect of questions 1-2, The Council have responsibility under the provisions of the Leicestershire Act 1985 to number all properties in the City.

There are no powers to control the naming of properties.

# Sign Boards on New Streets - With regards to the cost of putting up street sign boards on new streets, Does the Council pay for the erection of sign boards or does the Council require developers pay for the name boards.

For new developments in the City of Leicester, cost and installation of street name plates are the responsibility of the developer.

# Changing Street Names - With regards to changing the existing name of a street:

**If you use The Public Health Act 1925 c15 do you put any restriction on the number of people in the street who must approve the name change?**

**If you use the Public Health Amendments Act 1907 c21 what majority of residents is required to change a name, is a majority of residents also required if the Council plans to change a street name.**

In Leicester City, no limit is placed on the number of people in the street who must approve any change of name. The 1925 Act includes a right of appeal to a petty sessional court, so renaming is only undertaken where there is some overriding need which could be defended in court.

# Council Resolution - Do you have a copy of a resolution of the Council by which it has applied or withdrawn the provision of the Public Health Act 1925 c17 -19 (per Local Government Act 1972).

Use of powers within the Public Health Act 1925 are identified in Leicester City Council’s street naming policy.

The policy is included as Appendix B1 of the Council’s Local Transport Plan 2011 – 2026. The policy is in the attached PDF.

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