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Dear Keith

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is below.

You asked: 1) Please supply any and all information regarding Leicester City Council's "Commercial Standing", as per the type registered on file at the Dunn & Bradstreet website, or other source that logs corporate information.
<http://www.dnb.co.uk/>

To help with my request I submit these links for your convenience.

<https://secure.creditgate.com/search/search.aspx?Page=7&SS=leicester&CT=LN&ST=BS&DS=&DF=&DT=&DC=&DP=>
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Thank you for your clarification. Looking at the website for which you have provided the URL, there are a number of reports, but you have not specified which report or reports you require the information to be based on - we need to know what items of information you are asking us to provide.

It is open to you to progress this matter by specifying the report/reports that you are interested in. However, you may wish to consider whether this approach will yield the results that you want.

Having looked briefly at the various reports available through this website the general comment can be made that much of the information sought is relevant only to companies but not to local authorities.

Leicester City Council is required to tell you whether or not we hold information. Information is unlikely to be held that is not relevant to us, and our response is likely to contain a large number of instances where we will say that we do not hold the information requested.

We are required to share with you information that we hold, but where such information is already made available through the Council's publication scheme for information then we shall refer you to the

publications where such information is held. In this case it seems likely that we would refer you to our published accounts.

For example, one of the returns refers to the "liquidity ratio". We have not calculated this for our own purposes and you would have to examine our accounts to extract the relevant information and perform this calculation yourself.

I enclose a copy of our most recent annual accounts (2342 Appendix A). Perhaps you may reach the conclusion that the most productive way forward will be to see if these provide the information that you require and then to let us know if you identify gaps that you think that we might be able to fill.

2) Also, please detail the reasons why Leicester City Council would be registered on a site such as this."

Leicester City Council use credit agencies to help us manage our debtors and to vet the financial standing of prospective customers, in particular commercial tenants. Until recently we used Dunn and Bradstreet for these purposes.

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Yours sincerely

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