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Our Ref: FOI 1043
Date: 22nd March 2012

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Dear Mr Thomas

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:

Can you confirm that Leicester City Council do not sell any of the information gathered via electoral registration?

I have heard that the information harvested via this means is sold on to other parties. If this is the case, can you tell me who Leicester City Council give the information to, and also how much they charge for the information?

Each year following the electoral register annual canvass, a revised register is published (this would normally be on the 1st December).

This is available for sale in two formats.

The full register is available to such organisations as credit reference agencies and will be used for anti-fraud purposes.

The edited register is available to any other organisation or individual and is generally used for research or marketing purposes.

The cost will depend on which register is sold and whether it is for the whole City or a part thereof. The cost is based on a set method that comes from the Government.

Attached is a schedule of sales for 2011/12 up to February 2012. Please note some personal details have been taken out and we are withholding that information since we consider that to be an absolute exemption under section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000.

Note reference the edited register:- this is where electors choose for their details NOT to be sold on to third parties and therefore this version of the register excludes details of those electors.

Note reference details sold:- the register will run in street order within a District/Ward/City and list residents who appear on said register. No additional detail gathered at canvass time such as e-mail address/telephone number/ is included.

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Not all the information that is supplied which is covered by copyright will be the Council's copyright, for example it may be the copyright of a government department or another Council. You should seek either the Council's consent or their consent as appropriate. The Council is willing to advise you of any such potential issues on request. In order to make a request to re-use the information please contact the Information Governance Manager using the details below.

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

Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

New Walk Centre

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

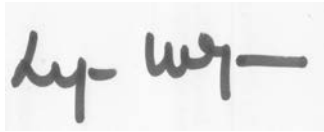
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager