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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 29 September 2021

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I write further to your request for information received 16/08/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

*Please provide the following information about police seizures of e-scooters.*

- 1. The total number of e-scooters seized on roads by this police force, broken down by month since January 2018*
- 2. The total monetary amount collected in fines from e-scooter riders, broken down by month since January 2018*
- 3. The total number of e-scooters seized on roads since January 2018, broken down by lower-tier local authority*
- 4. The 5 streets with the most e-scooter seizures in this police force area since January 2018, and how many people were stopped at each*

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

### **Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -**

Please see the attachment to the Email for seizures and local authority area. There were 6 scooters seized in 2020. No information is held prior to that. There are currently no specific e-scooter offences held. No information is held relating to fines.

To provide the information relating to the five streets since January 2018 would invoke a section 12 exemption under FOI

I can confirm, pursuant to s1(1)(a) of FOIA that this Force does hold the information you have requested.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Leicestershire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the

exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption(s) applicable to the information are as follows.

**Section 12 – Cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit.**

The information is not held in any easily retrievable electronic format. It would require a manual search of all the records to ascertain if the information regarding the street name and not just the authority area is held

In order to retrieve that information requested, would, therefore be in excess of the 18 hours specified by the Home Office as the time period for which a police force should allocate to a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004, the current regulatory limit which has been set by the Secretary of State for public authorities, which includes the police service, is £450 for the marginal costs which are the costs of finding, sorting, editing or redacting information and disbursements (printing, photocopying etc). The Association of Chief Police Officers have agreed a national standard of an hourly rate of £25 is to be charged for the time taken. In essence therefore, the costs equate to 18 hours work per request. It will be apparent therefore that within the time frame of 18 hours it will not be possible to extract the information to answer any of your questions.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under s12(1) as the cost of providing you with some of the the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the “appropriate level” as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force’s full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

Freedom of Information Officer  
Leicestershire Police

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