17 August 2017

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 967/17

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request & Response:

I would like to request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

1. What steps the Council has taken to meet its section 40 duties under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 to ‘have regard... to the purpose of conserving biodiversity’.

Answer:
Rutland County Council has instituted a sympathetic ‘cut and collect’ cutting regime on roadside verges it manages that have been designated Local Wildlife Sites.
Rutland County Council has a Service Level Agreement with Leicestershire County Council to provide ecological advice concerning planning applications.

2. The total amount spent by the council on promoting biodiversity in the last year for which data is available.

Answer:
No money is spent on promoting biodiversity.

3. How much the Council plans to spend on promoting biodiversity in the coming year.

Answer:
No funding has been allocated.

4. The name and contact details of the officer responsible for promoting biodiversity within the council (if there is no such person, please provide the name and contact details of the officer responsible for managing the Council’s green spaces).

Answer:
The Council has advisors for biodiversity:

Sue Timms
Principal Ecologist
Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Room 200, Glenfield, Leicester
LE3 8RA
Mr C Howat BSc (Hons) MCIEH  
Senior Environmental Health Officer  
Public Protection, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland  
LE15 6HP

The Council’s Senior Environmental Services Manager is responsible for managing the Council’s green spaces:

Mr M Loran  
Senior Environmental Services Manager  
Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland  
LE15 6HP

The Council does not have anyone responsible for promoting biodiversity.

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Yours faithfully

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