

Report to Scrutiny Commission

Neighbourhood Services and Community
Involvement

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Census data analysis

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Useful Information:

- Ward(s) affected: *All*
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1. Summary

The council is making use of Census 2011 output data as part of its corporate programme of data collection and analysis.

This report provides an update on progress.

2. Supporting Information

A quick tour of Census 2011

Census 2011 is the most extensive survey of UK population ever undertaken.

It is generating output data at different geographical scales from national (largest scale) down to output area (smallest scale).

As well as providing robust population estimates, Census 2011 helps to describe the structure of the resident population in relation to key criteria such as age, ethnicity, education, health, household composition and economic activity.

Further information about Census 2011 is available at Appendix A.

LCC data collection and analysis programme

The city council is making use of Census 2011 output data as part of its corporate programme of data collection and analysis. The objectives of this programme are to support the decision-making of council departments and to help improve the quality and transparency of the evidence base for policy-making and public services.

Since the first release of Census 2011 output data in July 2012, the council's research and intelligence team has undertaken a range of data analysis and produced a number of reports. This includes:

- A set of reports on the city's population and how it has changed since 2001. Each report is focused on a specific theme: diversity and migration; quality of life; and caring and earning

- A set of data visualizations and posters highlighting some of the key demographic changes in Leicester over the past 10 years

2011 Census key statistics for Leicester

The research and intelligence team has used census outputs to produce a compendium of key statistics for Leicester. Together, these statistics help to describe *who we are, how we live and what we do*.

The compendium includes key statistics for:

- The city as a whole
- The city centre and suburbs
- The council's 22 electoral wards

A draft of the compendium is attached at Appendix B.

Next phase of data analysis

The main thrust of the next phase of data analysis is to produce some *common core service planning information* about Leicester's people and places.

While this will draw heavily on census 2011 outputs, it is also intended to incorporate data from other sources (e.g. de-identified administrative data routinely collected by council departments) to provide a much broader and more refined evidence base to inform the development, implementation and evaluation of policy and services.

The proposed outputs include accessible information about:

- The resident population
 - Size and structure
 - Drivers of change (including migration)
 - Characteristics of key sub-groups (e.g. children and young people, working age people, senior citizens)
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Qualifications
 - Economic activity
 - Identities and personal relationships

- The household population
 - Size and structure
 - Drivers of change (including planning and development)
 - Characteristics of key sub-groups (e.g. households with children, households without children, senior citizen households)
 - Accommodation type and tenure
 - Transport and other communications assets (e.g. access to the Internet)
 - Income/budget pressures
 - Economic activity
- Local communities
 - Neighbourhoods
 - Communities of interest (e.g. new arrival groups)

It is anticipated that these outputs will be of interest to a range of internal and external stakeholders and will help to inform various policy and service developments, including the local response to the government's reform of welfare and public services.

3. Financial, legal and other implications

3.1 Financial implications

The analysis and use of census data will help to shape the Council's future service provision and to ensure that resources are used to best effect.

Colin Sharpe, Head of Finance, ext. 37 4081

3.2 Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report

Kamal Adatia, City Barrister & Head of Standards

3.3. Climate Change implications

There are no direct climate change implications associated with this report.

Mark Jeffcote, Environment Team (x372251)

3.4 Equality Impact Assessment

The census 2011 presents the council with important demographic and socio-economic information on city residents that helps us better understand their needs, by protected characteristic (most are reflected in the statistics available) and also by which part of the city they live in, enabling us to build a cumulative picture of need 'on the ground'. Being able to correlate these factors with other elements of information available, gives us a more robust understanding of comparative need and likely potential impacts of actions we may wish to take.

Irene Kszyk, Corporate Equalities Lead

4. Background information and other papers:

None

5. Summary of appendices

Appendix A: a quick tour of census 2011

Appendix B: a compendium of 2011 Census key statistics

6. Is this a private report ? (If so, please indicate the reasons and state why it is not in the public interest to be dealt with publicly)

No