

APPENDIX 4

Coroners

Background

The proposed 2010/11 net budget is £591,530 which is made up of £101,360 for employees, £507,600 for running costs and £17,430 income.

There are two coronial jurisdictions which cover the County Council's administrative area.

The service provided in the south of the county also includes the administrative area that is Leicester City. The City Council appoints the Coroner and administers this service.

The service provided in the north of the county also includes Rutland County Council's administrative area. Leicestershire County Council appoints the Coroner and administers this service.

The budget therefore includes payment to Leicester City Council for the service provided in the south of the County and income from Rutland County Council for the service provided by the County across Rutland's administrative area.

The biggest part of the running costs, other than the payment to the City Council, consists of mortuary and post mortem fees.

Growth Bid

The County Councils contribution to the costs of the south area is based on caseload. I.e. the place of death rather than the place of residence. As many people die in hospital (mainly located in the city) this increases the share borne by the city.

The City Council have challenged this basis of apportionment for a number of years as they feel it is not equitable. They are proposing a split based on population which would increase the County Council's share of the cost to approximately 50% compared with approximately 17% at present.