

27 September 2024

Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2024/00999**

Further to our acknowledgement, we can confirm that Oxford City Council can advise as follows in response to your Freedom of Information Request received on 4 September:

#### Request

Dear Oxford City Council,

Can you tell me through the Freedom of Information act the following....

1. How much goes towards Council staff workers pensions from the intake from the Council Tax? (total from the last 5 years). Please also express this as a percentage of the total money received from Council Tax collected.
2. How much goes towards Council staff workers pensions from the Government Grant? (total from the last 5 years). Please also express this as a percentage of the total money received from Government Grant.

#### Response

Please see below how calculations have been made to accommodate the request, as there is no report readily available to provide due to the way Council finances are distributed.

At the Council finances there is not a specific allocation of council tax or general government grant to pensions costs, or indeed to any other costs.

The Oxford City amount of council tax and grant income forms part of the Council's overall revenue income together with other income sources including business rates and fees and charges. This then forms the total amount of funding available for all services provided by Oxford City. However, based on the proportion of Council tax and grant to gross income and applying this to the amount spent on the employers' contributions, and the same for grants, the following amounts can be derived:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	396,367	329,822	345,893	377,646	332,656
Grant	0	0	0	18,573	14,367

The grant income used is the amounts of general government grant from revenue support grant, lower tier services grant and the funding guarantee.

The proportions of council tax and grant income to the total income of the Council are as follows:

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
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	%	%	%	%	%
Council Tax	8.91	8.91	9.07	9.15	9.03
Grant	0	0	0	0.45	0.39

If you disagree with any part of the response to your request, you are entitled to ask the Council for an internal review of the decision(s) made. You may do this by writing to the Monitoring Officer, by either email [monitoringofficer@oxford.gov.uk](mailto:monitoringofficer@oxford.gov.uk) – or by post to Monitoring Officer, Oxford City Council, Town Hall, St Aldate's, Oxford, OX1 1BX. After the result of the internal review, if you remain dissatisfied, you may ask the Information Commissioner to intervene on your behalf. You may do this by writing to the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

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