

20 September 2024

Freedom of Information Request, Oxford City Council – Reference: **FOI2024/00966**

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 26 August:

Request

Hi,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The purpose of this request is to gather data on the average figure the council spends on Christmas lights and decorations.

* If the council are unable to provide the specified information exactly as requested, please provide *any* data the council has that is relevant to the request and explain why the other information cannot be provided.

If the council does not maintain separate records for the categories mentioned (e.g. Christmas lights and decorations) and instead utilizes a consolidated budget for all festive or annual decorations, please provide the total budget figure for the relevant years. If possible, provide an estimate or breakdown of the portion typically allocated to Christmas-related expenses.

Specifically, I am seeking information on the following:

1. The annual spend on Christmas lights per year, for the following years:

- * 2020
- * 2021
- * 2022
- * 2023
- * 2024

Please see the table below.

1. The annual spend on Christmas decorations (e.g., trees), for the following years:

- * 2020
- * 2021
- * 2022
- * 2023
- * 2024

This is included in the below, not separate as all one contract.

1. The estimated energy consumption (in kWh) of the Christmas lights, for the following years:

- * 2020
- * 2021
- * 2022
- * 2023
- * 2024

- 2020 – Unknown
- 2021 - 52665.1 kWh
- 2022 - 52665.1 kWh
- 2023 - 52665.1 kWh
- 2024 – unknown yet, items not ordered.

Account	Account(T)	Budget	Spend	Fin year	
FA26	Festive Lights	41,000	0	24-25	2024
FA26	Festive Lights	41,000	36,390	23-24	2023
FA26	Festive Lights	41,000	34,960	22-23	2022
FA26	Festive Lights	41,000	38,192	21-22	2021
FA26	Festive Lights	61,000	46,757	20-21	2020

For the Town Hall

1. The annual spend on Christmas lights per year, for the following years:

Included with decoration costs below.

1. The annual spend on Christmas decorations (e.g. trees), for the following years:

Below is the detail for the Town Hall, this is for room decoration for our Christmas parties we sell:

- * 2020 - £0
- * 2021 - £3,395.00
- * 2022 - £4,510.00
- * 2023 - £8,290.00
- * 2024 - £6,000.00 (Budget amount)

1. The estimated energy consumption (in kWh) of the Christmas lights, for the following years:

Unknown.

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 – 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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