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Subject: Freedom of Information Response Importance: Normal Sensitivity: None

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 14th February 2025 for information about external consultants. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Request:

The total expenditure by your local authority on external consultants since 1 May 2021.

Response:

City of Doncaster Council spent £137,045 and £239,530 on external consultants in 2021/22 and 2022/23 respectively (note that financial years run from 1st April to 31st March). From 2023/24 onward, specific spend data on external consultants has not been compiled, therefore City of Doncaster Council does not hold this information. Expenditure is recorded and classified on the Council's financial ledger in accordance with accounting standards and the reporting requirements set by Government. As such the costs of external consultants (if any) is not specifically recorded, therefore we are unable to extract this information from the financial ledger. However, details of current contracts and costs be accessed here: <u>Contracts (eu-supply.com)</u>

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49.00 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email <u>FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk</u>

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. <u>www.ico.org.uk</u> Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely, Sophie

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Please treat the content of this e-mail as confidential. If you have received this e-mail and it is not addressed to you please accept my apologies and inform me as soon as possible.

Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 2:48 PM Subject: FOI - External Consultants

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Hi,

I hope you are well.

Can I please request the following information under the FOI Act (2000), specifically on the use of external consultants by your local authority.

I'd be grateful if you could reply with the following:

The total expenditure by your local authority on external consultants since 1 May 2021.

Please provide this information in total figures, as well as broken down by financial year, if available.

All the best,