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To: [REDACTED]
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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 18 November 2024, for information about City of Doncaster Council's spend on consultancies.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

"Please provide the following information, broken down by the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24:"

Request:

1. Total consultancy spending

- The total amount spent by the council on consultancy services for each financial year.

Response:

City of Doncaster Council spent £137,045 and £239,530 on external consultants in 2021/22 and 2022/23 respectively. From 2023/24 onward, specific spend data on external consultants is currently unavailable as this has not been compiled.

2. Breakdown by firm

- A breakdown by firm of consultancy payments made by the council in each financial year. If providing details for each firm exceeds the cost limit, please provide whatever information can be provided within the limit, such as by focusing on firms with total payments exceeding £10,000.

Response:

City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information.

3. Council policy on consultancy payments

- A copy or summary of the council's policy, if one exists, regarding limits or guidelines on payments to external consultants, including rate caps or other criteria used to determine acceptable consultancy costs.

Response:

City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information.

4. Highest individual consultancy payments

- The highest individual payments made to consultants. Please provide:
 - The largest total payment(s) made to an individual consultant or consultancy firm in each financial year.
 - The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an individual consultant or firm during each financial year. If feasible, please specify the context (such as the nature of the work or project) for these highest rates.

Response:

City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information.

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 FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk

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. www.ico.org.uk Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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