



FOI REF:	15201
RESPONSE SENT:	25/02/2025

Request

Please can I request the following under an FOI -

1. Please can you confirm the cost of councillor's wages for each of the last ten years?
2. Please can you confirm the process of how these wages are calculated and the process for deciding the level of wages?
3. Please can you confirm the level of expenses paid to councillors in each of the last ten years? Who signs off on these expenses?
4. Please can you confirm the amount of expenses that have been claimed by council employees in the last five years please? A value for each year would be appreciated?
5. Please can you confirm the land assets value that is owned by the council?
6. Please can you confirm the income that is generated by the land owned by the council in the last five years?
7. Please can you confirm how much land assets has been sold off in the last five years

Response

1. Councillors are not salaried and do not receive a wage. Councillors are provided *allowances*, the details of which are set out in the council's adopted Members' Allowances Scheme, which is formulated in line with the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. There is a 'basic' allowance, and also, where appropriate, a 'special responsibility' allowance. Councillors are also able to claim mileage and subsistence expenses if these accord with the council's adopted scheme. Further details of the Members' Allowances Scheme and also yearly lists of allowances and expenses paid to councillors for each of the last ten years are published [on the council's website here](#).
2. As explained in 1 above, Councillors are provided allowances and these are formulated in line with the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. In summary, the council adopts a Members' Allowances scheme having had regard to final reports of an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), which again, is established in line with the 2003 Regulations. The adopted scheme is pursuant to the meeting of [full council](#)



[held on 18 January 2023](#). The most recent IRP report is also published [on the council's website here](#).

3. As referred to in 1 above, yearly lists of allowances and expenses paid to councillors for each of the last ten years are published [on the council's website here](#). When a councillor submits a claim for expenses, this is checked by the Democratic Services Team Manager to ensure that this accords with the council's adopted scheme, before payment.
4. Expenses paid in the last 5 financial years (April to March):

2020-2021 £332,449
2021-2022 £289,275
2022-2023 £250,454
2023-2024 £252,442
2024-2025 £198,874 (to date)
5. We do not specifically value the pieces of land that the council own, therefore we are unable to answer the question.
6. The only piece of land that is leased out generates an income of £3,200 pa, this income has been the same for the last 5 years.
7. We are not aware of any land assets that have been sold off in the past 5 years.

