

FOI REF:	16960
RESPONSE SENT:	23/04/2026

Request

I would like to request the following information for the most recent full financial year available:

1. The three highest individual areas of expenditure that the council classifies as discretionary or non-statutory (i.e. services or spending not required by law), ranked by total annual spend.

2. For each of these three areas, please provide: - The name or description of the service/project - The total amount spent in that financial year

- A brief description of what the expenditure relates to

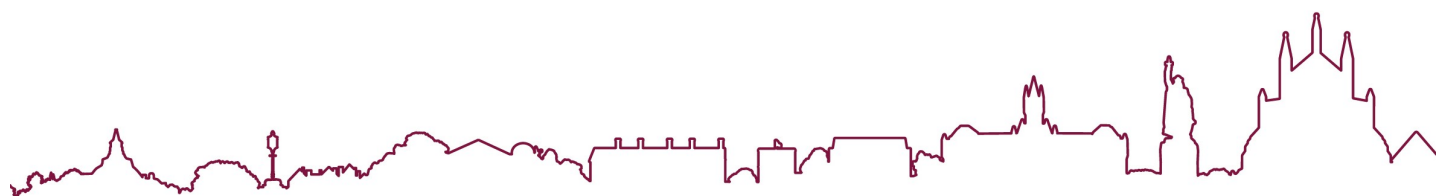
3. Please provide the total amount spent by the council on alcohol, including:

- Alcohol purchased for events, functions, or hospitality

- Alcohol purchased using council funds, expenses, or procurement systems

If possible, please also provide a breakdown of this figure by category (e.g. events, civic hospitality, staff functions).

If the council does not hold a specific category for alcohol expenditure, please provide the closest available information, such as hospitality or event catering costs where alcohol is included.



Response

1. We do not classify between discretionary and non-discretionary spend
2. N/A due to no classification distinction
3. Nil

