

Reference: EIR 2026-001

Thank you for your email dated in which you requested the below information. We have treated this as a request under The Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

From the last three financial year's budgeted figures (22/23, 23/24, 24/25):

1. Climate-related posts

a) The number of posts (headcount, and FTE where recorded) employed with job titles that include any of the following terms:

Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate Reporting; Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green.

2. Cost of those posts

The total employment cost for the posts identified in Question 1, including salary and employer on-costs (e.g. pension and National Insurance).

3. External consultants

The total amount paid during the same financial year to external consultants, companies, or contractors where the expenditure is recorded under any cost centre, project code, budget line, or purchase description that includes one or more of the following terms:

Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate Reporting; Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green.

This should include, but not be limited to, expenditure coded to professional services, consultancy, advisory services, or specialist support.

If the council does not record expenditure in this way, please provide the closest equivalent recorded information held (for example, totals by relevant cost centre or project). 2

If any information requested is not held, please state this clearly. If figures are held only in aggregated form, please provide the aggregated figures. Estimates derived from recorded financial information are acceptable.

If complying with this request would exceed the cost limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, please provide advice and assistance under Section 16 as to how the request may be refined.

Please provide the information requested above in the following table format, where held:

Financial Year

Job Title

Staff Costs including on-costs (£)

Headcount

Consultant Spend

Response

We are writing to advise you that following a search of our records, we have established that the information you requested is not held by the SFO.