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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI739753250**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council Christmas decoration spending.

You have requested the following information:

1. Total spend on Christmas decorations for 2024

- **Include: Purchase, hire, installation, removal, storage, and maintenance of Christmas/festive decorations.**
- **Exclude: General event staffing, policing/security, or unrelated marketing costs.**
- **Provide the gross spend before any sponsorship, donations, or third-party contributions are deducted, and state if such funding was received.**
- **Please give figures to the nearest £.**

The total expenditure on Christmas decorations for 2024 was £116,101.00.

2. Historical spend for the previous three years (2021, 2022, 2023)

- **Use the same inclusions/exclusions as above.**
- **Provide totals for the calendar year (January - December). If only financial year figures are available, please state this and specify the dates covered.**

- Please give figures to the nearest £.

2021 £243,821.62

2022 - £273,993.37

2023 £151,262.55

3. Number of public Christmas trees installed in 2024

- Count only trees over 2 metres in height installed or funded by the council.

- Include large town/city centre trees and trees in public areas such as parks, squares, or shopping streets.

- Exclude trees installed entirely by community groups, private sponsors, or businesses unless the council funded them.

We confirm that we have installed one Christmas tree in 2024, which was a civic Christmas tree installed in Broadgate along with a crib display.

4. Number of Christmas-related public events held in 2024

- Count only events organised or funded by the council, open to the general public, and directly themed around the Christmas/festive season.

- Examples: Light switch-ons, Christmas markets, festive parades, concerts, or community gatherings.

- An approximate total is acceptable if exact figures are not recorded.

We had organised the Christmas Market and Big Wheel in the City Centre in 2024, which was not funded by the Council as this was self funded. We had also organised a "Festival of Christmas" event, along with several other events which included local musicians and carol singing.

5. Any recorded information on the council's planned budget for Christmas decorations in 2025

- If available, please indicate whether the budget is expected to increase, decrease, or remain the same compared to 2024, and provide the relevant recorded figures or documents.

- If no recorded plans exist yet, please confirm this.

The budget for 2025 that we are working towards is £131,032.00.

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Yours faithfully

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