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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI744933562

Thank you for your request for information relating to Costs and incidents relating to removal of unauthorised flags.

You have requested the following information:

For the period from 1 July 2025 to the latest date for which records are held at the time of your search (please state the end date used), please provide:

- 1. The total recorded spend incurred by the Council in removing unauthorised flags from public land or the highway, broken down (if held) by: staff time/recharge rates, contractor costs, vehicles/materials, disposal, overtime.**
- 2. The number of incidents/jobs where unauthorised flags were removed, with date and ward or postcode sector for each (no exact addresses required).**
- 3. The job/incident category codes and cost centre/recharge codes used for these removals (e.g. fly-posting/illegal signage/unauthorised banner).**
- 4. The current schedule of rates (or equivalent) used by the Council/its contractor for removal of illegal signage/flags.**
- 5. Any policy/guidance/SOP in force during the period for identifying and removing unauthorised flags, including the legal basis (e.g. Highways Act 1980 s132 / Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regs 2007).**

If you do not hold a discrete “flag” category, please extract cases recorded under flyposting/illegal signage/unauthorised banners where the free-text notes contain “flag”, “Union Jack”, “St George's Cross”, “England flag” (or combinations thereof) for the period.

If the request would exceed the appropriate cost limit, please:

- * **Provide items (1)–(2) as aggregated totals for the period;**
- * **Provide (3)–(5) in full; and**
- * **Advise what shorter date range or narrower category would be disclosable within the limit.**

In response to your request, the response is nil. The Council are currently not removing these flags.

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Yours faithfully

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