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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07911**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council spend on consultants, food and sustenance and celebrity events.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1.The total amount of council funds spent on external consultant services during the year 2020 to date, 2019 and as many years for which records are available.

2.The total amount of money spent on food and sustenance for council staff during the year 2020 to date, 2019 and as many years for which records are available.

In response to questions 1 & 2, please see below:

	Consultancy Fees	Subsistence (food and accommodation)
2018	£2,368,517	£79,622
2019	£1,581, 194	£78,487
2020 (up to Dec 2020)	£697,095	£13,079

3.The total amount of money spent on celebrity events or visits organised by the council during the year 2020 to date, 2019 and as many years for which records are available.

We can confirm we have spent Zero from the Events team on celebrity events in 2020 and in 2019.

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Yours faithfully

Information Governance