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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI562605732

Thank you for your request for information relating to Christmas Lights.

You have requested the following information:

Councils in Bournemouth, Medway, St Ives and Bolton have announced that they are not turning on Christmas lights this year as part of cost saving measures.

1. Please provide me with the total costs of Christmas lights in the 2022/23 financial year.

Our lighting was used for a number of festivities and events in Autumn and Winter (including Diwali, Armistice and Bonfire Night), the total cost of festive lighting in 2022/2023 was £234,735.26 but included a lot of capital investment.

2. Please tell me whether the council is intending to turn on Christmas lights in the 2023/24 financial year.

We have switched on festive lighting for 2023.

3. If the answer to (2) is no, please explain give the reason for not turning on Christmas lights this year.

Not applicable.

4. If the answer to (2) is yes, please provide a projection of the costs

£156,140.53 (as includes civic tree).

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Yours faithfully

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