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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI641543629

Thank you for your request for information relating to Christmas Light Spending 2020 to 2024.

You have requested the following information:

The purpose of this request is to gather data on the average figure the council spends on Christmas lights and decorations. Specifically, I am seeking information on the following:

1. The annual spend on Christmas lights per year, for the following years:

- 2020
- 2021
- · 2022
- · 2023
- 2024

2. The annual spend on Christmas decorations (e.g. trees), for the following years:

- · 2020
- · 2021
- · 2022
- · 2023
- 2024

In response to Questions 1 and 2, please note we are unable to break down the costs on Christmas lights and decorations as our system only records the combined expenditure for both Christmas lights and decorations. The total expenditure for the past five financial years are as follows:

2021/22 - £243,821.62 2022/23 - £234,735.26 2023/24 - £156,309.73 2024/25 (budget) - £105,000

3. The estimated energy consumption (in kWh) of the Christmas lights, for the following years:

- 2020 2,903 kWh
- 2021 7,856 kWh
- **2022** 5,624 kWh
- 2023 5,361 kWh
- **2024** 5,500 kWh (estimate)

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Yours faithfully

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