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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI659666063**

Thank you for your request for information relating to festivities costs.

You have requested the following information:

1. Religious events

Can you please provide total costs for the following events, in terms of money given by the council to support festivities: for example, funding firework displays or street decorations. Could you please break this down by event, by year, and the specific service paid for: for example, a fireworks display.

No money has been given for any festivities, but the Council has installed festive lighting to celebrate the following: Christmas, New Year, Halloween, Diwali, Hannukah. The same Festive Lights are used for all festivities where messaging, images and colours are changed remotely by officers at no additional costs:

2024: £160,000.00 estimated

2023: £226,309.73

2022: £304,735.26

2021: £313,821.62

2020: Covid year

Easter: £0

Eid: Lights on Stoney Stanton Road:

2024: £0 as lights can be controlled remotely by officers
2023: £0 as lights can be controlled remotely by officers
2022: £418.00
2021: £420.00

2. National events

Can you please provide total costs for the following events, in terms of money given by the council to support festivities: for example, funding firework displays, street decorations, flags, bunting, community events (parties for example). For all events that may be considered a national day. For example, the independence days of nations whose diaspora may live in the council area: Nigeria for example, or Pakistan Defence Day. Could you please break this down by event, by year, and the specific service paid for: for example, a fireworks display.

No costs been paid by the Council to celebrate any national events however we use our existing architectural lighting to light structures up in colours to show our support for events. This work is undertaken by officers using a remote system and therefore there are no actual costs. As stated above, remembrance is done using the festive decorations remotely by officers bearing no additional costs.

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Yours faithfully

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