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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI658187302

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

You have requested the following information:

- 1. The annual spend on Christmas lights per year, for the following years:
- **2023** £151,262.55
- 2024 (estimated) £100,000
- 2. The annual spend on Christmas decorations (e.g. trees), for the following years:
- 2023
- · 2024 (estimated)

For the financial years 2023/24 we had spent a total of £7,000 for the Civic Christmas tree in the City Centre which includes costs for installing, uninstalling, decorations, lighting and cleaning costs etc.

3. Have you re-used Christmas Decorations / Lights from a previous year

Yes, we confirm we have re-used the Christmas decorations and lights from a previous year.

- 4. The amount spent by the council on celebrities to turn on Christmas Lights
- In 2023 Not applicable. There were no celebrities who had turned on the Christmas lights during 2023
- In 2024 (predicted) We confirm the Christmas lights will not be switched on this year.

5. Name of celebrity who turned on Christmas lights for the Council

- In 2023
- In 2024 (predicted)

Not applicable.

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Yours faithfully

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