

**From:** Freedom of Information Requests

**Sent:** 13 September 2023 10:04

**To:**

**Subject:** Freedom of Information response - [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 26 August 2023 for information about Council Tax spend. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. A full breakdown of Council Tax spend

Response: This information is not held as the City of Doncaster Council does not hold data relating to expenditure incurred that has solely been funded from Council Tax income. For information, we can provide further details as follows but please be advised that should you wish to appeal the response to your Freedom of Information request this part of our response will not be included within the appeal.

Council Tax income funds roughly 24% of the total expenditure the Council spends in the delivery of services, therefore it is not possible to split out and show only what Council Tax income is spent on – it is one of many income sources that add together to form the total revenue budget of the Council.

The Revenue Budget reports presented to Full Council each year in February/March detail the full Council budget – they provide details of what the Council has planned to spend. Please see attached a copy of the Revenue Budget report for the current financial year 2023/24.

Further information is available to you via the links below to the Council's website in the year-end accounts information (Statement of Accounts) and monthly supplier payment reports for all supplier payments in excess of £250.

1. The Statement of Accounts present the year-end accounts information in a format prescribed by accounting standards and legislation, and are accessible by clicking on the following link (links to the most recently published information (2022/23) are displayed at the centre of the page, with a link to prior years further down the page):  
<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/the-council-democracy/statement-of-accounts>
2. The Council publishes monthly supplier payment reports for all supplier payments in excess of £250 as part of its Local Transparency objectives and they are accessible by clicking on the following link (click on the financial year for which you would like information; the reports will be listed under the heading 'Payments to suppliers' – these reports are in CSV format and so column widths will need to be widened to view all of the information):  
<http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/the-council-democracy/local-transparency-payments-to-suppliers>

In addition to the above, in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, the Council has to make the year-end accounts information available to public inspection for a period of 30 working days – please see local press for notices published each summer that will detail the applicable time period to view the preceding financial year's accounts information.

The Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 is used to determine the level of Council Tax for individual properties. It represents the number of properties that will be subject to Council Tax, and which are expressed in terms of their Band D equivalents

using a prescribed formula, after allowing for the effect of exemptions, discounts, premiums and reliefs. The Tax Base for the City of Doncaster for 2023/2024 is 85,979 band D equivalent dwellings. Please see attached a copy of the Calculation and Approval of the Council Tax Base report for the current financial year 2023/24. Paragraphs 10-27 provide detail to the components behind the calculation. The Council's budgeted income from Council Tax is shown in the table at Appendix A of the Revenue Budget report.

2. Which company carries out road repairs and cost per pot hole

Response: The works are carried out by our Direct Labour Organisation (DLO). We are unable to provide the cost per pot hole as this is determined by a number of factors that can alter the cost of the repair.

3. Spend on Asylum Seekers/Refugees specifically cost per person for accommodation and food

Response: The Council do not provide accommodation or food to Asylum Seekers, that is the responsibility of the Home Office. If a person receives a positive decision on their Asylum claim they are responsible for their own upkeep.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £42.50 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

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