

From: Freedom of Information Requests

Sent: 22 August 2025 16:21

To:

Subject: FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 31 July 2025 for information about chewing gum removal. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. Chewing Gum Removal Costs - The total cost incurred by the council for chewing gum removal in each of these years.

Response: No cost to CDC

2. Area Covered - If recorded, the approximate area cleaned (in square metres) for each year

Response: 2023 only – 6956m² – external funding secured from KBT (Chewing Gum Task Force)

3. External Funding - Has the council received any external funding (e.g. from DEFRA or Keep Britain Tidy) specifically for chewing gum removal during this period?

If yes, please provide the amount received and year awarded.

Response: 2023 - £22,850

If Cost Data Is Not Held Separately:

If your authority does not hold chewing gum removal costs separately from general street cleansing budgets, please confirm:

1. Whether chewing gum removal is carried out at all, and

2. If so, whether it is delivered as part of broader cleansing operations.

Response: Only carried out when external funding is secured between 2019-2024

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49 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

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 Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours faithfully,

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