

From: Freedom of Information Requests

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To:

Subject: FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 3 September 2025 for information about highways maintenance funding. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. I would like information on the size of the Council's Total Roads Maintenance backlog.

a. The council's current estimate of the total Roads Maintenance backlog (in £ millions). (This should represent the total cost of outstanding maintenance required to bring the entire road network up to a good condition - including carriageways, footways, drainage, bridges and structures, street lighting, and any other assets considered part of roads maintenance).

Response: £698* million (*We do not have an estimate to achieve a "good" condition, the figure quoted is the depreciated value against new condition)

b) The council's current estimate for just the total carriageway maintenance backlog (in £ millions). (This should represent the cost of outstanding maintenance required to bring the road surfaces themselves (i.e. the carriageways) up to a good condition.) Response: £353* million (*We do not have an estimate to achieve a "good" condition, the figure quoted is the depreciated value against new condition)

2. For each of the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25 (to date), please provide the following:

a. The total amount of funding received by the council from central government specifically for highways and road maintenance (including pothole repairs, resurfacing, and related highway maintenance)

b. The total amount allocated by the council from its own local funding sources (e.g. council tax, business rates, reserves) toward road maintenance.

c. The total actual spend on road maintenance (carriageway and other highway-related infrastructure).

Response: This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Section 21 exempts information from the right of access if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. In this case the information is available on our website here: <http://www.doncaster.gov.uk/services/transport-streets-parking/annual-local-highway-maintenance-transparency-report>.

d. Of the total funding available for highways (from both central and local sources), please confirm:

i) Whether any central government funding for highways was used to support other services not directly related to highways or road maintenance.

ii) Whether any locally sourced funding originally intended or previously allocated for highways was reallocated to non-highway services.

e. If either central government or local funding was reallocated away from highways maintenance, please provide:

i. The amount of central government funding for highways and road maintenance (if any) that was used for non-highway purposes

ii. The amount of local funding that was re-allocated from highways to other services.

iii. A breakdown of the departments or services to which the funding (whether central or local) was reallocated, including the amounts allocated to each service or department, where possible.

Response: None

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £98 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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