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Subject: FOI Request - [REDACTED] - Response
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 4 January 2024, for information about local government finance.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

1. How much deficit/pressure/overspend have you identified in your Medium Term Financial Strategy IN (a) 2024-25 (b) 2025-26 and (c) 2026-27.

Please do not provide me with a figure for 2023-24 or any year before that.

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 can be accessed as follows:

City of Doncaster Council publishes quarterly monitoring information, with the latest in-year position reported to Cabinet on 6th December 2023, and is available online by clicking the following link:

<https://doncaster.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s42483/i8%20cab%20061223%20-%20Q2%20Finance%20Performance%20Report%20Cabinet%20Meeting%20Pack.pdf>

This report provides an update to the Medium-Term Financial Strategy in paragraphs 169-172. This update builds on the Council's budget report from February 2023, which is available online by clicking the following link:

<https://doncaster.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s39347/Revenue>.

The budget report identified cumulative funding gaps of £7.6m in 2024/25 and £22.3m in 2025/26 (details in paragraphs 33 to 38) and went on to identify savings to fill that gap, resulting in a balanced position (details in paragraphs 39 to 48).

The next quarterly monitoring in-year position update is due to be reported to Cabinet on 7th February 2024.

2. Please provide (a) a link to your latest Medium Term Financial Strategy and (b) the page number(s) where the answer to question 1 can be found.

Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of information Act. Please see Section 21 Exemption Notice above in response to question 1 and links to information.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £46.00 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 sincerely,

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