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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request received 22 February 2024, for information about consultation with the Federation of Small Businesses.

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

Request:

"1. How does the Council consult with the business community under Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act and which organisations are contacted? Plus details of any meetings and who attended? With a timescale of the municipal years for 2021/22; 2022/23 and the current municipal year 2023/24

2. What contact has the Council had with the Federation of Small Businesses during the period referred to under 1 above. Has the FSB been invited to participate in any relevant consultations and meetings, if so what was the topic. Did the FSB respond?"

Response:

Under section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, City of Doncaster Council consult with Doncaster businesses via the Doncaster Chamber: [Doncaster Chamber \(doncaster-chamber.co.uk\)](http://doncaster-chamber.co.uk). Annual meetings are arranged, facilitated by Doncaster Chamber, with businesses invited to attend a budget consultation.

The dates of the meetings associated with the setting of the three most recent budgets are:

2024/25 Budget – 8th February 2024

2023/24 Budget – 9th February 2023

2022/23 Budget – 7th February 2022

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:

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Yours sincerely

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