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**From:** FOI Responses  
**Sent:** 30 April 2024 15:21  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** [REDACTED] Response

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Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 2 April 2024, for information about financial support provided by the Local Authority to various organisations.

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

**Request:**

1. Please can you confirm the specific financial support provided by the Local Authority over the past three years (since January 1<sup>st</sup> 2021) to
  - a. Doncaster Culture Leisure Trust
  - b. Doncaster Racecourse
  - c. Club Doncaster

Please can that financial support be itemised to include the following

- Any discounted or favourable rates or rents on buildings used and value of that discount

**Response:**

Doncaster Culture Leisure Trust (DCLT) pay a peppercorn rent for leisure centres as part of the management agreement.

Doncaster Racecourse rent is as follows:

Jan 2021 - March 2021	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	April 2023 - March 2024
35,819.17	143,276.68	162,097.77	177,122.78

Doncaster Rovers/Club Doncaster rent is as follows:

Jan 2021 - March 2021	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	April 2023 - March 2024
25,000	100,000	102,639.76	105,279.52

**Request:**

- Expenditure on commercial partnerships or sponsorships

**Response:**

City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information as there is no expenditure on commercial partnerships or sponsorships.

**Request:**

- Expenditure on facility bookings eg room hire for events

**Response:**

This is not considered financial support, any hire would be at commercial market rates.

**Request:**

- Any other financial support that does not fall into the above categories.

**Response:**

City of Doncaster Council pay a base management fee to DCLT of £250k per annum but in recent years additional support has been provided due to the impact of the pandemic and increased energy costs, details are as follows:

Additional financial support to DCLT, this is in addition to the £250k p/a

Jan 2021 - March 2021	April 2021 - March 2022	April 2022 - March 2023	April 2023 - March 2024
£908,415	£1,900,000	£1,500,000	£1,356,370

**Request:**

3. Please can you also confirm the non-financial support offered by the Local Authority to
  - a. Doncaster Culture Leisure Trust
  - b. Doncaster Racecourse
  - c. Club Doncaster

Please can the non-financial support be specifically itemised and where possible an estimate on its financial value.

**Response:**

City of Doncaster Council do not hold this information as no non-financial support has been provided.

**Request:**

4. Please can you also confirm any specific relationships that the Local Authority has with
  - a. Doncaster Culture Leisure Trust are City of Doncaster Council's (CDC) contracted operator of our leisure facilities, CDC have one board representative and 1 council board observer.
  - b. Arena Racing are CDCs contracted operator of Doncaster Racecourse, with CDC having 1 board member and 2 observers.
  - c. Club Doncaster

**Response:**

This information is not held as City of Doncaster Council do not have a specific relationship with any of the above organisations.

**Request:**

In particular can you confirm if any Board or advisory positions are held/reserved by or for members of the Local Authority across each of the organisation.

Can you also confirm if any of the three organisations are incentivised to assist the Local Authority in anyway and what those incentives are.

**Response:**

There are no formal incentives in place however a range of partners work together under the umbrella of Team Doncaster to help deliver the 'Doncaster Delivering Together' strategy. Further details are available at: <https://www.teamdoncaster.org.uk/>

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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