

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information relating to highway drainage maintenance.

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| 1. Please can you provide the number of highway drainage assets under your responsibility? If available, can you split the information by type (e.g. gullies, chambers, ditches etc.)? | 1  | Gullies = 61,937<br>Chambers = 107<br>Channels (m) = 3,231m   |
| a. Could you also provide information about the number of gullies cleaned per year for the last 3 available years?   | 1a | 2019/20 = 25,697<br>2020/21 = 22,033<br>2021/22 = 20,708  |
| b. If available, please could you provide the number of blocked drainage assets for the last 3 years?  | 1b | 2019/20 = 1,687<br>2020/21 = 1,193<br>2021/22 = 1,188   |
| 2. Please can you provide your highway drainage budget for the last 3 years  |    |   |
| a. Does this budget only cover gully cleaning, or does it also include other services such as relining, emergency jetting, CCTV surveys?   | 2a | Figures below include cyclic/reactive cleaning and investigations/excavations<br><br>2019/20 = £275,000<br>2020/21 = £275,000<br>2021/22 = £292,000 |
| b. If not, please include budgets and actual expenditure for these additional services over the last 3 years   | 2b | n/a   |
| 3. Can you please provide your actual expenditure on drainage over the last 3 years, if available  | 3  | Figures below include cyclic/reactive cleaning and investigations/excavations<br><br>2019/20 = £222,935<br>2020/21 = £421,101<br>2021/22 = £243,367 |
| 4. Are highway drainage services provided in-house by the council? If so, how many employees do you use for this?  | 4  | In-house drainage service utilises 6 employees.   |
| a. If outsourced, are they outsourced directly to a drainage contractor or are they managed as part of a wider highway maintenance contract?   | 4a | Via The Chest procurement portal <a href="https://www.the-chest.org.uk">The Chest: North West Procurement Portal (the-chest.org.uk)</a>             |

5. In the case of a highway maintenance contract, please could you provide the following information:

- a. Number and description of lots
- b. The current provider(s)
- c. The start date and duration
- d. Current contract value total
- e. Previous contract value

6. If available, would you be able to provide number of flooding incidents on highways in your area historically and any classification on severity

If contract information is available online, please would you be able to attach a copy / link to the information.

5 We will shortly be tendering a contract for external support in this service and procurement will be via The Chest procurement portal [The Chest: North West Procurement Portal \(the-chest.org.uk\)](https://www.thechest.org.uk)

6 2019/20 = 27  
2020/21 = 123  
2021/22 = 105