

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

On 19th December 2022 the Secretary of State for Levelling up, Housing and Communities released details of the provisional local government finance settlement for 2023/24. I would therefore like to request

1) The change to your Core Spending Power (CSP) for 2023/4 over 2022/3 as a result of the local government finance settlement.

11% increase 22/23 to 23/24 Core Spending Power.

2) The impact of inflation on the council's 2022/3 budget, as measured against the original 2022/3 budget.

Quarter 3 22/23 budget monitoring report available on Council website (Cabinet Meetings).

3) The estimated impact of inflation on the council's budget for 2023/24

Budget Report available on Council website. Council meeting 1st March 2023.

4) How much you had originally forecast the inflationary increase in costs to be for a) 2022-3 and b) 2023-4 in percentage and actual terms.

As above detailed in reports

5) Details of any loans (PWLB or money market) taken out by the council after 30/9/22 and the loan provider, terms and time period for these loans.

None