



Please provide the following information, broken down by financial years 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24:

1. Total consultancy spending

2021/22 £3,286,439

2022/23 £3,572,288

2023/24 £3,587,801

- The total amount spent by the council on consultancy services for each financial year.

2. Breakdown by firm

- A breakdown by firm of consultancy payments made by the council in each financial year. If providing details for each firm exceeds the cost limit, please provide whatever information can be provided within the limit, such as by focusing on firms with total payments exceeding £10,000.

[See table attached](#)

3. Council policy on consultancy payments

- A copy or summary of the council's policy, if one exists, regarding limits or guidelines on payments to external consultants, including rate caps or other criteria used to determine acceptable consultancy costs.

[Payments are made in line with the Wigan council's financial procedure rules.](#)

[Financial Procedure Rules](#)

4. Highest individual consultancy payments

- o The highest individual payments made to consultants. Please provide:

2021/22 -£352,567
2022/23 -£356,021
2023/24 -£461,737

- The largest total payment(s) made to an individual consultant or consultancy firm in each financial year.
- The highest hourly or daily rate paid to an individual consultant or firm during each financial year. If feasible, please specify the context (such as the nature of the work or project) for these highest rates.

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

Definition: By “consultancy spending,” we refer to payments made to organizations or individuals brought in to provide expert advice or support in implementing specific projects or initiatives.

Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

There are over 1800 invoices over this period which do not all detail individual consultants or may not be paid as a daily or hourly rate. They would all need to be examined or clarified with the supplier. At 2 minutes per invoice this would exceed the available time.

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	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Company 1	272,547.19	315,005.15	461,736.78
Company 2	83,472.26	95,884.90	268,468.92
Company 3	60,095.74	356,021.14	240,784.24
Company 4	39,410.00	197,271.63	232,371.90
Company 5	307,128.83	69,439.42	212,089.30
Company 6	120,708.00	162,171.96	201,032.99
Company 7	0.00	15,733.60	199,589.88
Company 8	0.00	0.00	179,109.34
Company 9	0.00	0.00	167,565.60
Company 10	352,566.76	164,416.95	132,835.45
Company 11	0.00	0.00	97,385.43
Company 12	80,343.90	34,397.10	95,807.06
Company 13	0.00	0.00	81,250.00
Company 14	0.00	0.00	72,983.00
Company 15	101,469.06	164,792.33	56,400.51
Company 16	0.00	0.00	49,600.00
Company 17	73,531.35	65,546.49	39,985.00
Company 18	130,000.00	226,512.00	33,164.40
Company 19	22,383.00	44,360.15	33,123.36
Company 20	204,466.22	138,908.87	31,809.05
Company 21	73,883.32	70,770.70	30,706.50
Company 22	1,883.50	36,000.00	30,400.00
Company 23	89,727.26	229,252.97	29,149.03
Company 24	0.00	26,398.57	27,837.22
Company 25	0.00	0.00	25,464.00
Company 26	0.00	0.00	25,240.00
Company 27	0.00	0.00	25,000.00
Company 28	8,802.68	30,865.81	24,261.00
Company 29	0.00	0.00	24,125.00
Company 30	500.00	0.00	23,000.00
Company 31	42,770.00	53,607.00	21,087.00
Company 32	34,570.40	21,508.80	20,876.80
Company 33	0.00	0.00	20,770.00
Company 34	0.00	17,204.16	20,324.40
Company 35	0.00	0.00	20,097.00
Company 36	22,420.00	0.00	19,130.00
Company 37	33,171.81	28,818.00	18,470.00
Company 38	0.00	0.00	17,026.80
Company 39	56,901.42	18,118.28	16,000.00
Company 40	60,297.37	56,609.56	15,750.00
Company 41	14,175.00	6,425.00	13,375.00
Company 42	0.00	0.00	13,335.00
Company 43	91,509.79	54,875.43	13,094.22
Company 44	0.00	0.00	12,133.00
Company 45	0.00	0.00	10,205.00
Company 46	0.00	2,120.00	9,150.00

Company 47	17,347.00	27,587.00	8,813.00
Company 48	0.00	0.00	8,500.00
Company 49	0.00	6,714.00	8,455.00
Company 50	3,500.00	4,500.00	8,100.00
Company 51	536.72	11,993.24	7,832.03
Company 52	0.00	4,595.00	7,740.00
Company 53	0.00	0.00	7,088.84
Company 54	0.00	0.00	7,000.00
Company 55	0.00	0.00	6,757.50
Company 56	0.00	0.00	6,700.00
Company 57	700.00	10,270.00	6,575.00
Company 58	21,615.00	12,060.50	6,020.00
Company 59	3,220.00	2,505.00	5,100.00
Company 60	0.00	0.00	5,065.00
Company 61	0.00	0.00	4,999.00
Company 62	0.00	0.00	4,996.00
Company 63	0.00	2,526.90	4,950.00
Company 64	0.00	12,000.00	4,873.50
Company 65	0.00	0.00	4,750.00
Company 66	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
Company 67	0.00	0.00	4,500.00
Company 68	0.00	0.00	4,413.30
Company 69	3,750.00	5,900.00	3,800.00
Company 70	0.00	0.00	3,800.00
Company 71	2,125.00	0.00	3,567.50
Company 72	1,875.00	4,400.00	3,252.50
Company 73	0.00	1,836.00	2,631.00
Company 74	8,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Company 75	3,095.00	1,150.00	2,065.00
Company 76	0.00	8,519.50	1,900.00
Company 77	0.00	900.00	1,875.00
Company 78	3,899.94	8,067.26	1,726.98
Company 79	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
Company 80	0.00	0.00	1,084.00
Company 81	4,000.00	9,000.00	1,000.00
Company 82	2,175.00	0.00	862.50
Company 83			850.00
Company 84	0.00	0.00	750.00
Company 85	0.00	0.00	730.00
Company 86	12,845.00	2,465.00	725.00
Company 87	37,225.71	44,194.92	600.00
Company 88	485.00	473.00	567.00
Company 89	0.00	0.00	550.00
Company 90	3,975.00	4,975.00	450.00
Company 91	0.00	3,290.32	287.16
Company 92	0.00	2,500.00	0.00
Company 93	5,996.52	4,886.00	0.00
Company 94	0.00	2,995.00	0.00
Company 95	0.00	21,000.00	0.00

Company 96	1,500.00	0.00	0.00
Company 97	0.00	2,958.00	0.00
Company 98	8,845.03	0.00	0.00
Company 99	177,988.00	61,220.50	0.00
Company 100	0.00	650.00	0.00
Company 101	0.00	80,000.00	0.00
Company 102	143,032.97	85,585.80	0.00
Company 103	1,700.00	0.00	0.00
Company 104	11,475.00	0.00	0.00
Company 105	3,650.00	5,621.82	0.00
Company 106	0.00	4,950.00	0.00
Company 107	0.00	2,000.00	0.00
Company 108	1,448.00	7,945.71	0.00
Company 109	32,006.50	0.00	0.00
Company 110	500.00	12,407.00	0.00
Company 111	0.00	1,300.00	0.00
Company 112	0.00	6,020.00	0.00
Company 113	7,975.00	0.00	0.00
Company 114	1,969.00	0.00	0.00
Company 115	2,387.00	789.00	0.00
Company 116	28,625.65	31,811.66	0.00
Company 117	25,675.00	0.00	0.00
Company 118	11,297.03	3,184.94	0.00
Company 119	22,535.00	8,965.20	0.00
Company 120	5,175.00	3,783.98	0.00
Company 121	24,320.00	0.00	0.00
Company 122	6,443.30	8,955.50	0.00
Company 123	1,506.60	0.00	0.00
Company 124	2,550.00	0.00	0.00
Company 125	2,250.00	0.00	0.00
Company 126	2,550.00	0.00	0.00
Company 127	44,070.00	0.00	0.00
Company 128	3,324.00	0.00	0.00
Company 129	3,695.00	0.00	0.00
Company 130	10,860.00	3,712.00	0.00
Company 131	59,665.23	21,250.00	0.00
Company 132	5,000.00	25,300.00	0.00
Company 133	23,160.00	0.00	0.00
Company 134	0.00	850.00	0.00
Company 135	56,750.00	30,500.00	0.00
Company 136	1,150.00	0.00	0.00
Company 137	1,750.00	1,760.00	0.00
Company 138	0.00	6,077.00	0.00
Company 139	19,760.00	176,534.00	0.00
Company 140	13,250.00	0.00	0.00
Company 141	1,000.00	0.00	0.00
Company 142	0.00	4,032.00	0.00
Company 143	0.00	2,200.00	0.00
Company 144	0.00	650.00	0.00

Company 145	0.00	20,625.00	0.00
Company 146	0.00	795.00	0.00
Company 147	0.00	13,000.00	0.00
Company 148	0.00	5,600.00	0.00
Company 149	0.00	3,264.00	0.00
Company 150	0.00	2,250.00	0.00