



I am writing to request information under the FOI Act 2000 relating to the council's expenditure on management consultancy services, including services provided by the "Big Four" firms:

PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC); Ernst & Young (EY); Deloitte, and KPMG.

For the financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, please provide the following information:

### Expenditure on the Big Four consultancies

1. Total amount spent with each of the following firms, broken down by financial year: PwC, EY, Deloitte, and KPMG.
2. The highest day rate paid to each of these firms in each financial year.

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Deloitte	34,397	95,807	22,785
E&Y	-	-	
PWC	3,120	3,000	3,000
KPMG	-	-	

No arrangements within the above are based on day rates. Engagement is for a specific time limited project.

### Expenditure on other management consultants

1. Total amount spent on management consulting services excluding the Big Four, broken down by consultancy and financial year.
2. For each engagement, please include:
  - a. The name of the consultancy firm
  - b. The financial year of the expenditure
  - c. A brief description of the project or services provided (e.g. project title or internal reference)
  - d. The start and end dates of the engagement (or anticipated end date if ongoing)
  - e. The procurement route used (e.g. open competition, framework agreement, direct award) and the name of the procurement framework, if applicable

Values attached in Appendix

- a. We do not include the name of the firm or specific project details for commercial reasons
- b. Financial year included within the appendix
- c. The relevant service has been included in place of project description.
- d. (and e). 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.

Invoices identified via the General Ledger are not automatically linked to a contract or individual procurement.

**Additional Information** (if available without exceeding cost limits)

1. Please state the number of individual consultants provided by each firm for each engagement. Not available, invoices do not always detail the number of individuals within any one engagement
2. Please indicate whether any deliverables were produced (e.g. reports, action plans) and whether these are publicly available. Please see responses d/e above
3. Please confirm whether any of the consultancy work covered tasks that would normally be performed by in-house council staff or roles that were vacant at the time. No, the Council would use agency staff in the event of vacancies requiring temporary cover. Consultancy work is undertaken when third party expertise are required.

## Appendix

	22/23	23/24	24/25
<b>Adult Services</b>			
Company 1			11,413.71
<b>Childrens Services</b>			
Company 2		12,133.00	
Company 3			1,050.00
Company 4			1,624.00
Company 5			495.00
<b>Digital Services</b>			
Company 6	29,625.75	28,215.00	
<b>Leisure and Culture Services</b>			
Company 7	26,398.57	27,837.22	
Company 8	6,714.00	8,455.00	
Company 9	69,439.42	206,089.30	
Company 10	71,532.03		
Company 11		5,065.00	
Company 12		6,757.50	7,883.75
Company 13			
Company 14			5,161.98
Company 15			6,000.00
<b>Place Services</b>			
Company 16	67,441.16	27,909.05	8,626.25
Company 17		4,413.30	
Company 18		25,000.00	
Company 19			1,620.00
Company 20			80,000.00
Company 21			21,535.60
Company 22			84,500.00
Company 23			2,475.00
<b>Environment Services</b>			
Company 24	71,467.71	3,900.00	
Company 25		10,205.00	
Company 26		25,240.00	
Company 27		3,800.00	
Company 28		24,125.00	
<b>Customer and Corporate Services</b>			
Company 29	8,067.26	1,726.98	
Company 30	12,060.50	6,020.00	9,925.00
Company 31	6,425.00	13,375.00	13,725.00
Company 32		4,750.00	
Company 33		97,385.43	
Company 34		72,983.00	
Company 35			11,000.00
Company 36			40,211.34
Company 37			650.00
Company 38			7,252.00
Company 39			6,600.00

Company 40			2,000.00
<b>Housing</b>			
Company 41	157,720.94	29,149.03	
Company 42		7,088.84	
Company 43			34,424.38
Company 44			1,650.00
Company 45			8,835.00
Company 46			2,600.00
Company 47			936.00
Company 48			8,400.00
Company 49			429.00
	<b>526,892.34</b>	<b>651,622.65</b>	<b>381,023.01</b>