



Please provide the following information for each of the financial years:

- (a) 2022/23,
- (b) 2023/24, and
- (c) 2024/25:

1. Please provide details of how the council determines its charges or fees for Planning Performance Agreements.

Wigan Council determines its Planning Performance Agreement (PPA) fees based on the scale and complexity of the proposed development. Charges are set to reflect the level of service provided, including dedicated case officer / officer time, multi-disciplinary meetings, and pre- and post-submission advice. Whilst there is no fixed fee schedule published for all scenarios, indicative charges are aligned with development size and are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

2. Please state the total income received by the council from Planning Performance Agreements in each of the last three financial years.

The Council is unable to provide a breakdown of PPA fee income for the financial years 2022/23 and 2023/24, as income during those periods was not recorded in a way that allows it to be separated from other planning-related fees and income to the Planning service, including pre-applications. However, for the 2024/25 financial year, the income recorded from PPA's was £16,437.

3. Please confirm the number of major residential planning applications (those of more than 10 units):

- a. Received by the council in each of the last three financial years; and

This information is accessible via the Council's website at the following link. Please utilise the search function available on this webpage accordingly:

[Search and comment on planning applications](#)

Support and guidance on how to search the information the Council holds on this section of its website is available on the above webpage, but is also provided in the accompanying 'Public Access User Guide' PDF document and via the link to the relevant page on the Council's website below:

[Idox PA for Planning User Guide](#)

- b. Determined under a Planning Performance Agreement in each of those years.

The Council does not hold this information in a recorded format that allows for straightforward reporting. While Planning Performance Agreements (PPAs) are used in the processing of certain major applications, the data on which applications were determined under a PPA is not separately logged or

categorised in a way that enables automated extraction or reporting.

Under Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, public authorities are required to provide recorded information that is held at the time of the request. There is no obligation to create new information or compile data that is not already held in a recorded form. As such, the Council is not required to produce a dataset or summary where none exists.

If you wish to explore specific applications, you may wish to consult the Council's online planning register at the above address, where individual planning application details are publicly available.

4. Please provide details of average PPA charges in the 2024/25 financial year for sites of:

- a. Under 150 units
- b. 150-499 units
- c. 500-999 units
- d. 1,000 units +

As per the response to question 1 of this request, Wigan Council determines its PPA fees based on the scale and complexity of the proposed development. Charges are set to reflect the level of service provided, including dedicated officer time, multi-disciplinary meetings, and pre- and post-submission advice. While there is no fixed fee schedule published for all scenarios, indicative charges are aligned with development size and are reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

The Council does not hold information on average PPA charges in a recorded format that allows for straightforward reporting. While PPAs are used in the processing of certain major applications, the data relating to the specific charges associated with developments of varying unit sizes is not categorised or logged in a way that enables automated extraction or summary reporting.

To respond to this question would require a significant manual exercise to review individual agreements and extract relevant data, which goes beyond the Council's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Under Section 1 of the Act, public authorities are required to provide recorded information held at the time of the request. There is no requirement to create new information or compile data that is not already held in a recorded form.