



Please provide figures for the last five financial years.

1. In pounds, how much money does the council spend on servicing debt each financial year?

The Council publishes its Annual Interest payable data each financial year in the Annual Statement of Accounts. Please refer to Note 5b – Interest Payable within the Statement of Accounts for each of the financial years at the following link:

[Statement of accounts 2024/25](#)

2. As a percentage of council tax revenue, how much money does the council spend on servicing debt each financial year?

Interest Payable on PWLB Loans as a percentage of Council Tax Revenue

2024/25 – 15%

2023/24 – 17%

2022/23 – 18%

2021/22 – 19%

2020/21 – 20%

3. In pounds, how much money does the council spend on staff salaries each financial year?

This information is published annually in the Councils Statement of Accounts. Please refer to Note 5b - Employee Benefits for each of the requested financial years at the following link:

[Statement of accounts 2024/25](#)

4. As a percentage of council tax revenue, how much money does the council spend on staff salaries each financial year?

The Council Publishes its Annual Council Tax Revenue data each financial year included in the Annual Statement of Accounts. Please refer to The Collection Fund Statement within the Statement of Accounts for each of the financial years at the following link:

[Statement of accounts 2024/25](#)

Please note that Council tax is only one of several income streams available to a local authority, and it is not used solely to fund or offset employee benefits.

Therefore, a more meaningful calculation would be to calculate Employee Benefits as a percentage of Total Income.

2024/25 – 34%

2023/24 – 37%

2022/23 – 38%

2021/22 – 38%

2020/21 – 32%

Employee Benefits as a percentage of Council Tax Revenue

2024/25 – 256%

2023/24 – 267%

2022/23 – 288%

2021/22 – 292%

2020/21 – 258%

5. How much does the highest-paid employee earn per annum?

This information is published annually in the Council's statement of accounts. Please refer to Note 33 – Officers Remuneration for each of the financial years. At the following link:

[Statement of accounts 2024/25](#)

6. How many council employees earn more than £100,000 per annum?

This information is published annually in the Council's statement of accounts. Please refer to Note 33 – Officers Remuneration for each of the financial years. At the following link:

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