

Date received:	25 th February 2025
Date responded:	27 th February 2025
Subject:	Expenditure on External Legal Advice

Question:

"How much has the Council spent on external legal advice and representation in each of the last five years?"

Response:

The total amount paid to external advocates in each of the last five financial years is:

2019 / 20	2020 / 21	2021 / 22	2022 / 23	2023 / 24	2024 / 25
£211,841	£168,561	£123,373	£195,943	£121,824	£259,221*

*2024/25 figures are for the period 01/04/2023 – 25/02/2025