

35812 Planning Resources

How much has the council received in planning application fees in total for each of the last five calendar years (2017-2021).

Please refer to the table below which does not include income from Planning Pre-application Advice, Non-Material Variations, (NMVs), or Developer Contributions:

Financial Year	Income from Planning Application Fees
2016/17	£2,410,891.48
2017/18	£2,718,616.18
2018/19	£3,027,129.06
2019/20	£3,034,686.87
2020/21	£2,421,655.63

Of that amount, can you tell me what was spent as part of the council's planning department budget?

The provision of a Planning service is a statutory requirement and is not funded by Planning Application Fees which are set at a National level.

Over the same period, can you tell me how many roles in the planning department have remained unfilled for each calendar year? Can you provide a breakdown by the type of role?

Due to the continuous turnover of staff arising from retirements, promotions, resignations, etc. alongside on-going recruitment, use of agency staff and other operational measures to ensure key roles are covered, it is not possible to provide a breakdown of 'unfilled roles' as requested.

However, based on the annual budgets for employee costs and the average cost of an individual role within Planning, we are able to provide an average vacancy level for the years specified:

Financial Year	Average FTE Vacancies
2016/17	5.5
2017/18	5.5
2018/19	4.0
2019/20	1.0
2020/21	1.5