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- Please provide details of how much public money has been spent by councillors on alcohol in parties, events, and post council meetings in the financial years 2021/22; 2022/23; 2023/24; 2024/25.
- Please also provide details of how many of these parties, events and post council meetings there were in each year, whether official, unofficial or impromptu.
- Please also detail how many people were at each party, event and post council meeting, and specifically how many were elected councillors.
- Secondly to this point please advise how many attendees were senior council officers (the Chief Executive, their direct reports and the next layer down).
- Please also advise the expenses policy, and who must claim the money, for paying for these parties, events and post council meetings. Please also advise the councils policy on senior officers and councillors drinking alcohol on council premises
- Please also provide the disciplinary policy as it relates to councillors and senior officers who abuse the consumption of alcohol on council premises.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information you have requested as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing you with the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.

We would only record details of events which have been organised centrally and where catering, including alcohol, has been requested as part of the event.

Once this has been determined, a detailed review of each event would be required to establish if alcohol was provided as part of the catering. A total of 889 civic events have been recorded for the Lord Provost and Councillors where catering was requested. Each record includes details such as labour, food and alcohol. In order to extract the requested information, each individual invoice must be retrieved, reviewed and analysed. This process is estimated to take approximately 30 minutes per event, a total of 444.5 hours.

Please note that this estimate does not account for the additional task of identifying event attendees, nor does it cover events that were unofficial or held on an impromptu basis. Such information would be held by the members themselves.