

56096 External Consultancy Engagements and Deliverables

I am requesting the following information regarding external consultants commissioned by the council for each of the three financial years (2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24):

Consultancy Engagements

For each engagement with an external consultant or consultancy firm during this period, please provide:

- Name of the consultant/firm
- Subject or scope of the engagement (e.g. digital transformation, housing strategy, finance review, organisational restructure)
- Cost of the engagement (total paid or contracted)
- Duration (from commission date to delivery date of final product)
- Department or team that commissioned the work
- Summary of final output or deliverable (e.g. report, strategy, assessment)
- Whether any internal review or follow-up was conducted
- Whether any value-for-money or impact assessment was carried out

Our annual Professional Services reports, which provide details of the Service Provider, the cost, the service provided and the outcome of each engagement, are published on our website. Links to these reports are provided below:

2021/22 - <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&MIId=6548>

Please refer to 'Item 7.10 – Professional Services Expenditure 2021/22'

2022/23 - <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&MIId=6756>

Please refer to 'Item 7.8 – Professional Services Expenditure 2022/23'

2023/24 - <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/15904/professional-services-expenditure>

We are unable to provide the remaining detail requested, as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.