

## 56779 Council Christmas Decorations and Events

Please provide the following information for your council:

Total spend on Christmas decorations for 2024.

- Include: Purchase, hire, installation, removal, storage, and maintenance of Christmas/festive decorations.
- Exclude: General event staffing, policing/security, or unrelated marketing costs.
- Provide the gross spend before any sponsorship, donations, or third-party contributions are deducted, and state if such funding was received.
- Please give figures to the nearest £.

2024 - £147,600 based on contract award (CT1290 - Festive Lighting) with Field & Lawn.

Historical spend for the previous three years (2021, 2022, 2023)

- Use the same inclusions/exclusions as above.
- Provide totals for the calendar year (January - December). If only financial year figures are available, please state this and specify the dates covered.
- Please give figures to the nearest £.

This information has been provided under request 51691 and is published on our Disclosure Log at:

<https://edinburgh.axlr8.uk/disclose/>

Please enter '51691' in the Search field.

Number of public Christmas trees installed in 2024.

- Count only trees over 2 metres in height installed or funded by the council.
- Include large town/city centre trees and trees in public areas such as parks, squares, or shopping streets.
- Exclude trees installed entirely by community groups, private sponsors, or businesses unless the council funded them.

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Number of Christmas-related public events held in 2024.

- Count only events organised or funded by the council, open to the general public, and directly themed around the Christmas/festive season.
- Examples: Light switch-ons, Christmas markets, festive parades, concerts, or community gatherings.
- An approximate total is acceptable if exact figures are not recorded.

Edinburgh's Christmas is organised by external event producers under the Winter Festivals contract, CT2978. City of Edinburgh Council does not provide a financial contribution to the running of light switch-on events in local communities.

Any recorded information on the council's planned budget for Christmas decorations in 2025.

- If available, please indicate whether the budget is expected to increase, decrease, or remain the same compared to 2024, and provide the relevant recorded figures or documents.
- If no recorded plans exist yet, please confirm this.

Additional notes:

- Please provide all monetary figures in GBP (£).
- If you do not hold part of the requested data, please state this clearly.
- If any requested information has already been published, please provide a link to the relevant source.
- If fulfilling the entire request would exceed the FOI cost limit, please prioritise questions 1-3.

As per the response to Q1, circa £147,600, as part of the 3-year (+1 year +1 year) contract award to Field & Lawn in April 2024 to provide festive lighting across the city (outwith the separate Winter Festival contract, CT2978) and includes installation, derig, replacement and further elements being added to the city's decoration inventory.