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Request for a full financial and operational breakdown of Edinburgh's Christmas 2024 and the current arrangements for Edinburgh's Christmas 2025.

#### Vendor Stall Fees (All Sites)

For 2024 and 2025, please provide any information held by the Council regarding:

Fees paid by vendors operating in:

- East Princes Street Gardens
- West Princes Street Gardens
- George Street

Specifically:

- Daily stall rental fees (if held)
- Total rental fees for the full Christmas period (if held)
- Stall pricing schedules
- Pricing categories (size, type, or premium locations)
- Any other fees charged to vendors (power, waste, service charges)

[We do not hold this information](#)

#### Ride & Attraction Fees (Big Wheel, Star Flyer, Funfair Rides)

For 2024 and 2025, please provide any information held relating to:

Fees paid by ride or attraction operators, including:

- The Big Wheel
- The Star Flyer
- Any roller coasters or fairground rides
- Any other amusement attractions

[We do not hold this information.](#)

#### Fees paid for Public Entertainment Licences

	2025	2024
<a href="#">East Princess Street Gardens &amp; the Mound</a>	£11,376	£9,572
<a href="#">Princess Street Gardens</a>		£6,442
<a href="#">George Street, Edinburgh</a>	£4,352	£6,777
<a href="#">West Princes Street Gardens</a>	£29,207	£22,636

Please provide:

- Daily site fees (if held)
- Full-period fees for the event (if held)
- Any additional charges (power, inspections, storage, etc.)

We do not hold this information.

What Unique Assembly Pays the Council (2024 & 2025)

For each site used during Edinburgh's Christmas, please provide:

- All fees paid by Unique Assembly to the Council, including:
  - Site rental fees
  - Licence fees
  - Land-use charges for:
    - East Princes Street Gardens
    - West Princes Street Gardens
    - George Street

Fees paid for site rentals and licences:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/15852/event-planning-for-public-spaces>

- Market operator fees

	2025	2024
East Princess Street Gardens & the Mound	£10,000	£5,000
Princess Street Gardens		£6,090
George Street, Edinburgh	£912	£1,308
West Princes Street Gardens	£5,130	£3,815

- Please also provide:
  - Any revenue-sharing agreements
  - Any percentage-of-turnover agreements
  - Any guaranteed minimum payments
  - Any profit-share provisions

Please include all documents, schedules, or contract sections that specify these payments (with redactions where required).

NA

What the Council Pays Unique Assembly (2024 & 2025)

Please provide:

- The total amount paid by the Council to Unique Assembly to deliver Edinburgh's Christmas 2024.

Nil value

- The current contractual amount scheduled to be paid for Edinburgh's Christmas 2025.

Nil value

- Any breakdowns of these amounts, including:
  - Payments for infrastructure
  - Payments for event management
  - Payments for public installations, lighting, decorations, and safety
  - Any contingency or variable components

Any budget documents or internal financial records held by the Council relating to these payments.

N/A

#### Full Contractual Framework Between the Council and Unique Assembly

Please provide:

A copy of the contract (or contract sections) covering Edinburgh's Christmas 2024–2029, including:

- Site-use terms
- Payment obligations both ways
- Reporting obligations
- Financial clauses
- Land restoration requirements
- Any oversight or audit requirements
- Any clauses regarding vendor fee disclosure

We are unable to release contracts on the basis that the release of information would prejudice substantially the commercial interests of the Council and the companies involved in these events.

#### Oversight, Audits, and Financial Reports

For 2024 (and 2025 if held), please provide:

- Any financial reports, audits, or monitoring documents received by the Council from Unique Assembly.

- Any performance assessments, post-event evaluations, or economic impact assessments held by the Council.

This information was provided in response to a previous request for information under reference 58617. The response can be viewed on the [Disclosure log](#).

- Any correspondence or documents discussing:

- Stall fees
- Ride operator fees
- Rental charges
- Complaints or concerns raised about pricing
- Economic benefit to the city

The Council has no control or influence over Stall or Rider Operator fees.

Please see the attached email correspondence relating to Council rental charges attached (190225 Email – relating to Christmas 2024/25 site rental charges. 311025 Email – relating to Christmas 2025/26 Ross Bandstand non-application of Council supported event 50% fee reduction). Economic benefit to the city is reported publicly to [Culture and Communities Committee](#), annually.

Whether the Council has any contractual right to request or access those figures (even if they have not done so).

Please refer to the Scottish Governments Code of Practice section 7. [Code of Practice under section 60 of FOISA](#)