59600 High-Level Expenditure Summary (2020–Present)

For the period 1 January 2020 to the present date, please confirm the total gross external spend incurred by the authority in each of the categories listed below.

A single total figure for the whole period is sufficient.

If easier, the information may instead be provided as annual totals by financial year.

Expenditure categories

Consultancy and advisory services: All external consultancy or advisory spend, as recorded by the authority, including management, strategy, transformation, policy, or specialist advisory services.

Legal services: All external legal spend, including solicitors, barristers, litigation, claims, and legal advice.

Recruitment, agency, and interim services: External recruitment agencies, executive search firms, interim placements, and related fees including spend on agency or temporary staff supplied by third-party providers.

Other external professional services: All other external professional services not included above, as recorded by the authority (e.g. audit, accountancy, communications/PR, design, research, IT or technical advisory services).

Staff training and development (external): External spend on staff training, development programmes, conferences, courses, or professional accreditation (excluding internal staffing costs).

Marketing, advertising, and publicity (external): External spend on advertising, marketing, publicity, campaigns, media buying, branding, or promotional activity (excluding staff costs).

Office accommodation and facilities management: Spend on office accommodation and facilities, including rent, maintenance, utilities, estate management, and related property costs.

External costs incurred 01/01/2020 - 08/01/2026 (£000)

Consultants' fees - £62,996

Legal fees - £20,610

Agency staff costs - £135,486

Other professional and general fees - £336,439

Staff training, conferences and subsistence - £9,247

Marketing, advertising, and publicity - £5,631

Premises costs - office accommodation - £23,074