

59990 Legal Settlements and Compensation Payments Made by the Council

I request aggregated information relating to legal settlements and compensation payments made by the council.

Specifically:

The total number of settlements or compensation payments made since 2018

The total value paid per year

The broad category of claim (for example employment, personal injury, housing)

The information you requested is not centrally recorded and instead would require a review of a substantial number of records over the past 8 years given the Council is involved in legal settlements across a wide range of areas. In addition, the word "compensation" is open to interpretation and could extend to many payments made by the Council.

As an example, there are more than 6,000 sub-folders within Legal Services' Litigation electronic records. If officers were to spend a conservative estimate of 1 minute checking each folder, the 100 hours this task would entail would exceed the cost threshold of 40 hours. Please note this calculation does not account for the time it would take to search for relevant records held electronically by other teams in Legal Services (e.g. Property & Planning and Employment).