

60135 Council Spending

Please provide the following recorded information.

From the current financial year's budgeted figures and the prior three years outturn (i.e. years ended 31st March 2023, 31st March 2024 and 31st March 2025:

Climate-related posts

The number of posts (headcount, and FTE where recorded) employed by the council with job titles that include any of the following terms:

Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate Reporting; Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green; Climate crisis; Climate emergency.

Please refer to the tables below.

Distinct Headcount of Posts March 2023 to March 2025			
Post	2023	2024	2025
Carbon and Utility Officer	1	1	1
Climate Change & Sustainability Partnerships & Programme Manager			1
Climate Change and Sustainability Officer		3	
Climate Change and Sustainability Senior Officer			3
Energy and Sustainability Manager	1	1	1
Energy and Sustainability Officer	3	4	4
Energy Officer		1	
Head of Sustainable Construction Delivery	1	1	1
Housing Property Energy and Climate Change Officer	2	2	2
Innovation and Sustainability Senior Manager	1		
Service Director - Sustainable Development	1	1	1
Grand Total	10	14	14

FTE of Posts March 2023 to March 2025			
Post	2023	2024	2025
Carbon and Utility Officer	1	1	1
Climate Change & Sustainability Partnerships & Programme Manager			1
Climate Change and Sustainability Officer		3	
Climate Change and Sustainability Senior Officer			3
Energy and Sustainability Manager	1	1	1
Energy and Sustainability Officer	3	3.5	3.5
Energy Officer		1	
Head of Sustainable Construction Delivery	1	1	1
Housing Property Energy and Climate Change Officer	2	2	2
Innovation and Sustainability Senior Manager	1		
Service Director - Sustainable Development	1	1	1
Grand Total	10	13.5	13.5

Cost of those posts.

The total employment cost for the posts identified in Question 1, including salary and employer on-costs (e.g. pension and National Insurance), as recorded by the council.

Please refer to the table below.

2022-23	£750,589
2023-24	£973,231
2024-25	£966,876
Total	£2,690,696

External consultants

The total amount paid during the same financial year to external consultants, companies, or contractors where the expenditure is recorded under any cost centre, project code, budget line, or purchase description that includes one or more of the following terms:

Climate; Net Zero; Sustainability; Carbon; Emissions; Environmental Sustainability; Climate Change; Climate Action; Climate Policy; Climate Programme; Climate Project; Climate Data; Climate Reporting; Climate Adaptation; Climate Resilience; Energy and Climate; Sustainable Procurement; Green Finance; Green; Climate crisis; Climate emergency.

This should include, but not be limited to, expenditure coded to professional services, consultancy, advisory services, or specialist support.

If the council does not record expenditure in this way, please provide the closest equivalent recorded information held (for example, totals by relevant cost centre or project).

If any information requested is not held, please state this clearly.

If figures are held only in aggregated form, please provide the aggregated figures.

Estimates derived from recorded financial information are acceptable.

Please provide the information requested above in the following table format, where held:

Financial Year

Job Title

Staff Costs including on-costs (£)

Headcount Consultant Spend

This information is included within our annual reports on Professional Services Expenditure which are published on our website at:

2022-23: <https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=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>

2024-25: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/15904/professional-services-expenditure>