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Additional Support Needs (ASN) Legal Cases

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[https://edinburgh.axlr8.uk/documents/56512/56512%20Additional%20Support%20Needs%20\(AASN\)%20Mediation%20and%20Tribunal%20Data%20-%20Response.pdf](https://edinburgh.axlr8.uk/documents/56512/56512%20Additional%20Support%20Needs%20(AASN)%20Mediation%20and%20Tribunal%20Data%20-%20Response.pdf)

[https://edinburgh.axlr8.uk/documents/56965/56965%20Additional%20Support%20Needs%20\(Tribunal\)%20-%20Response.pdf](https://edinburgh.axlr8.uk/documents/56965/56965%20Additional%20Support%20Needs%20(Tribunal)%20-%20Response.pdf)

Can you please provide additional information on ASN cases.

In one FOI it states: "The costs to the council in each of the last three years for engagement in tribunals.

Financial year 2024/25 - £52,353 Financial year 2023/24 - £39,232 Financial year 2022/23 - £51,008" What costs are included in "engagement" – does it include internal staff costs, both legal staff and say staff as witnesses such as headteachers, external legal advisors, court fees?

The figures provided are solely for external legal advisors.

Using the financial years as stated in these FOIs (1 April to 31 March), please provide:

The cost to the council for 2025-26 for engagement in tribunals.

£49,596.85

The total number of tribunal cases for each year 2022-26, and of those how many cases the council won, number lost, number abandoned/ did not proceed, the number ongoing.

	Council Won At Tribunal Hearing	Council Lost At Tribunal Hearing	Council Conceded Before Council Hearing	Parent Conceded Before Council Hearing	Ongoing
2022/23	1	2	30	13	0
2023/24	1	4	25	17	0
2024/25	0	3	10	4	0
2025/26	1	0	7	5	10

Please note that the above figures show the financial years in which cases were commenced, but that judgements may have been given in subsequent years.

For 2022-2026 please state for each year the two most costly cases (shown individually) and whether these were won or lost.

The following payments were made in the years shown in column 2. They relate to cases in respect of which a decision was taken by the Tribunal in the years shown in column 3.

Value	Year of Payment	Year of Decision
£13,050 (Council won)	2025/2026	2025/26
£9,131 (Council won)	2025/2026	2024/25
£24,966.50 (Council won)	2024/2025	2024/25
£15,900.50 (Council lost)	2024/2025	2024/25

Prior to 2024/25, the Council did not record costs per individual case.

The cost to the council for 2025-26 for engagement in mediation.

£15,498

The number of ASN cases considered through mediation in each year from 2022-26.

2022/23	20
2023/24	23
2024/25	16
2025/26	19

The number of ASN mediation cases that then went on to the tribunal process in each year from 2022-26.

2022/23	20
2023/24	23
2024/25	12
2025/26	14