

61880 Planning Service

I would like to request the following information regarding your planning service for the last three completed financial years.

Please provide:

The total annual income received by the planning service, broken down into:

Planning application fees

Pre-application advice fees

Planning performance agreements (PPAs)

Enforcement-related income

Any other planning-related income streams

2025/26

Planning Income - £3,836,171

Pre-Application - £297,564

Non- Material Variations - £47,532

Planning Performance Agreements – NIL

Enforcement – NIL

2024/25

Planning Income - £3,506,839

Pre-Application - £330,056

Non-Material Variations - £36,428

Planning Performance Agreements – NIL

Enforcement – NIL

2023/24

Planning Income - £4,419,929

Pre-Application - £319,247

Non-Material Variations - £49,600

Planning Performance Agreements – NIL

Enforcement – NIL

The total annual expenditure of the planning service.

Please refer to the table below.

| 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
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| £7,025,203.74 | £6,881,388.05 | £6,995,443.65 |
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The net surplus or deficit for the planning service for each year, where recorded.

Please refer to the table below.

| | 2023/24 | 2024/25 | 2025/26 |
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| Net Deficit | £238,217.65 | £605,617.39 | £194,589.38 |

Any benchmarking reports, internal summaries, or comparative analyses held by the council regarding:

- a. The financial performance of planning services in Scotland

There is no such information held. Any benchmarking information is held through the National Planning Improvement Champion at:

<https://www.improvementservice.org.uk/products-and-services/planning-and-place-based-approaches/national-planning-improvement>

- b. Cost recovery levels for planning departments
- c. Comparisons with other Scottish local authorities

There is no such recorded information held.

Please provide the total value of planning application fees received from major developments for each year requested.

2025/26 - £864,321

2024/25 - £715,124.09

2023/24 - £1,131,21.029

Please provide, for each year requested:

The total income received from applications relating to amendments, variations, or modifications to existing planning permissions, including Section 42 applications where recorded; and any standard fee schedules, guidance, or policies used to calculate such charges.

Information is not held within this format; information is not recorded in this way.

Guidance on Planning Fees is available on our website at:

<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/34195/planning-fees-charter>