

62384 Hogmanay

For the cancelled Hogmanay celebrations in 2025, £882,456 was handed to organisers by the council, what happened to that money? Could you breakdown how it was spent?

As per the terms of the Winter Festivals contract, a subsidy of £812,456 was awarded for the delivery of the four-day Edinburgh's Hogmanay programme. Due to the extreme weather experienced at the time of the scheduled 2024/25 events, elements of the outdoor programme were not able to be delivered.

As reported at Culture and Communities Committee on [14 May 2026](#); an Open Book Audit was undertaken and it was determined that the Council will receive a return of £224,596, accounting for costs incurred in the delivery of the contract and elements of the contract which were delivered as planned.

Whilst we are unable to provide a breakdown of the £587,860 costs due to the commercial sensitivity of releasing financial records of private operators, a further report will be presented to Culture and Communities Committee to detail the allocation of the returned funds.

How much has the council spent on unconscious bias training in each of the last five years, with a breakdown per year and what the money was spent on?

We do not hold this information

Learning is provided locally in teams and service areas and corporately. It is not possible to provide a full picture of all learning and development organised for colleagues due to the devolved nature of resources and the wide notion of workforce learning and what that entails. Colleagues can often engage in self-directed learning, attend webinars, participate in-person learning events and undertake on-the-job learning.