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For each of the financial years 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, please provide:

The total amount spent by the council on external consultants and consultancy services.

The number of consultancy contracts awarded in each year.

If possible, the details of the five highest-value consultancy contracts in each year.

For 2025/26, please provide final full-year figures where available, or the most up-to-date figures held.

[The information you have requested is available at the following locations:](#)

[2024-25](#)

[2023-24](#)

[2022-23](#)

[2021-22](#)

[Work has started on the 2025-26 report and this will be available on the Business Bulletin for the Finance and Resource Committee 17 November](#)