



1. Please can you confirm the cost of councillor's wages for each of the last ten years?

This information is contained on both the Members' Allowances webpage and Open Data webpage (in the Elections and Democracy section) of the Council's website. Links to these webpages are outlined below.

- [Members' allowances](#)
- [Open data](#)

Just to clarify, Elected Members (Councillors) do not receive a wage/salary. They are not employed by the Council, they are democratically elected. Elected Members receive an allowance, which is then used by the Elected Member in any way that they feel will enable them to undertake their duties/role.

2. Please can you confirm the process of how these wages are calculated and the process for deciding the level of wages?

Information on how the Members Allowance is set, can be found on the Members' Allowances webpage of the Council's website. A link to this webpage is outlined below.

Please see the section, 'Independent Remuneration Panel' (IRP), which contains information in relation to the setting of allowances, and also documents in relation to the last IRP, which took place in April 2021.

- [Members' allowances](#)

It should also be noted the Members' Allowances are also subject to any changes put forward by the National Joint Council (NJC), which may result in an in-year uplift to the Allowance.

All updates are made to the Members' Allowances Scheme when any changes are made.

3. Please can you confirm the level of expenses paid to councillors in each of the last ten years? Who signs off on these expenses?

This information is contained on the Open Data webpage (in the Elections and Democracy section) of the Council's website. A link to this webpage is outlined below.

- [Open data](#)

In terms of who signs off any expense claimed by Elected Members - these claims are checked against the Members' Allowance Scheme (which contains details of what/cannot be claimed for) as they are submitted, and signed off as appropriate for any claim to then be processed by the Finance team.

4. Please can you confirm the amount of expenses that have been claimed by council employees in the last five years please? A value for each year would be appreciated?

Period	Mileage Expenses	Subsistence Claims
01/04/2019-31/03/2020	£721,236.89	£31,640.21
01/04/2020-31/03/2021	£472,771.45	£22,749.90
01/04/2021-31/03/2022	£553,294.91	£23,722.78
01/04/2022-31/03/2023	£738,356.12	£41,124.97
01/04/2023 - 31/03/2024	£850,020.03	£50,637.02

5. Please can you confirm the land assets value that is owned by the council?

Land and Property £1,431,335,502
Land Only £66,766,872

6. Please can you confirm the income that is generated by the land owned by the council in the last five years?

23/24: 4,071,025
22/23: 3,701,897
21/22: 3,792,249
20/21: 4,536,106
19/20: 4,244,000

7. Please can you confirm how much land assets has been sold off in the last five years?

£6,622,582