

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200713**
 Date FOI Received: **8/12/2020**
 Department: **Finance**
 Title: **Food and sustenance for council staff**
 Description: **Spend on food and refreshment for Council staff**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

The total amount of money spent on food and sustenance for council staff during the year 2020 to date, 2019 and as many years for which records are available.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

| | Meals £ | Meeting Refreshments £ | Total |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| 2020/21 to November 2020 | 818 | 545 | 1,363 |
| 2019/20 | 724 | 4,208 | 4,932 |
| 2018/19 | 1,067 | 3,100 | 4,167 |
| 2017/18 | 2,030 | 2,465 | 4,495 |
| 2016/17 | 1,791 | 4,455 | 6,246 |
| 2015/16 | 1,534 | 3,012 | 4,546 |
| 2014/15 | 1,473 | 1,684 | 3,157 |

Meals can be claimed when off site on Council business and when staying for evening meetings.

The cost of providing refreshments includes hospitality for external people as well as council staff, however it is not possible to split these costs.

Figures for 2020/21 are given to the end of November 2020.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards
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