



My Ref: FOI/4209
Your Ref:
Date: 04/04/2025
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

Your questions and my findings are as follows:-

For the financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, please provide the following information:

Expenditure on the Big Four consultancies

- **Total amount spent with each of the following firms, broken down by financial year: PwC, EY, Deloitte, and KPMG.**

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
PwC	n/a	n/a	£183,500.00
Ernst & Young	n/a	n/a	n/a
Deloitte	£55,000.00	n/a	n/a
KPMG	n/a	n/a	£340,835.69

- **The highest day rate paid to each of these firms in each financial year.**

This information is commercially sensitive and therefore cannot be shared.

Expenditure on other management consultants

- **Total amount spent on management consulting services excluding the Big Four, broken down by consultancy and financial year.**
- **For each engagement, please include:**
 - The name of the consultancy firm
 - The financial year of the expenditure
 - A brief description of the project or services provided (e.g. project title or internal reference)
 - The start and end dates of the engagement (or anticipated end date if ongoing)

- **The procurement route used (e.g. open competition, framework agreement, direct award) and the name of the procurement framework, if applicable**

Appended in Appendix 1 to include;

- Name of the consultancy firm
- The financial year of the expenditure
- A brief description of the services.

The collation of the start and end dates for each agreement would exceed the time limit for a request.

The route to procure each contract would have been aligned to the Council's contract procedure rules at the point of the order. Collation of this information would exceed the time limit for a request.

Additional Information (if available without exceeding cost limits)

- **If it is possible within the cost limit:**
 - **Please state the number of individual consultants provided by each firm for each engagement.**

Please indicate whether any deliverables were produced (e.g. reports, action plans) and whether these are publicly available.
 - **Please confirm whether any of the consultancy work covered tasks that would normally be performed by in-house council staff or roles that were vacant at the time.**

This information is not available within the time limits allowed.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
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Barnsley

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Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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