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(CCC) Data on annual spend on Christmas lights and decor

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information which relates to your spending on Christmas/festive season lights and decorations for public spaces in your jurisdiction.

Please may you provide me with data on:

- The total amount of money that the Local Authority plans to spend on Christmas lights in 2022, and how much was spent in 2021, 2020, 2019.
- The total amount of money that the Local Authority plans to spend on Christmas decorations in 2022, and how much was spent in 2021, 2020, 2019.
- The cost of energy used to run Christmas lights in 2021

Please provide the information in the attached spreadsheet.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined, I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

Response

- Cambridge City Council has not budgeted for any expenditure connected with Christmas lights and decorations in respect of Christmas 2022. The main lighting provision in the city is paid for by the Cambridge Business Improvement District (BID). Their details can be found here [Cambridge BID](#)
- Prior to the current financial year, the Cambridge BID has organised the main events relating to Christmas and has covered the associated costs of acquiring Christmas lights and decorations and paying the associated energy costs. Outside the city centre the Council spent the following amounts in relation to Christmas lights and decorations:
Christmas 2019: £Nil
Christmas 2020: £Nil
Christmas 2021: £567.

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk