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Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

- 1. An itemised list of all revenue and capital spending on Brexit for the financial year 2018-19. Please specify the individual payment, the purpose of the payment, and the cost;*
- 2. An itemised list of all planned revenue and capital spending on Brexit for the financial year 2019-20. Please specify the individual payment, the purpose of the payment, and the cost.*

For clarity: Capital spend is here considered to be the money " the council spends ... on improving the council's assets, then this is capital expenditure. This would include purchasing new assets, such as land and buildings, but also refurbishing and improving existing ones." And revenue spending is "the council's day-to-day expenditure and includes salaries and wages, running costs such as fuel, utility bills and service contract payments."

If you could respond to the request as amended, following your normal procedure for handling FOI requests, that would be much appreciated.

Please send me the data requested in the form of an Excel spreadsheet or as a csv file. If it is necessary for any reason to redact any information, please redact the minimum necessary and send me the rest of the material, explaining the legal grounds for each redaction.

Response:

Costs below provide an approximate spend of revenue and capital expenditure on EU Exit preparations for 18/19 and 19/20 (i.e. costs incurred in preparation for exit day (planned and postponed) and the immediate consequences of EU exit in a no deal scenario). This includes costs pertaining to Cornwall Council only, incorporating engagement with partners, but excludes any costs borne directly by partner organisations (such as the Local Resilience Forum). It also excludes costs associated with council activity in relation to work on broader post-Brexit policy areas (such as future agricultural policy or the UK Shared Prosperity Fund), in order to isolate an indicative spend on preparations for EU Exit specifically. Staff resourcing costs are unavoidably approximate due to difficulties in estimating and disaggregating officer time spent on EU exit activity specifically. Revenue costs associated with fuel or utility bills cannot be reasonably disaggregated to be ascribed to EU Exit related activity specifically.

Costs will be charged against central Government allocations for EU exit preparatory activity, with all unitary authorities receiving £210,000 for this purpose over a two-year period.

Future expenditure during the 19/20 period is highly uncertain given its contingency upon the emerging national situation and forthcoming details on alternative allocations. Future allocations against contingency plans for possible future costs are therefore presently unassigned.

Item	Description	Cost
Staff resourcing (Business standards unit)	Staff resource allocation for BSU (Environmental Health, Port Health and Trading Standards), including additional temporary capacity to meet workload demand.	£9,600
Staff resourcing (Resilience)	Staff resource allocation for Resilience Officer time, including LRF engagement.	£5,959.96
Staff resourcing (Other no deal preparations)	Cumulative staff resourcing associated with risk monitoring, stakeholder engagement, government engagement, supplier engagement, information gathering and synthesis, LRF engagement, website maintenance, press and communications activity.	£24,525.55
Biometric ID chip checker terminals and installation costs)	Equipment costs for the establishment of a biometric ID chip checker service for the EU Settlement Scheme.	£460
Other miscellaneous costs	Incorporating stationary costs, and travel (by train) to nationally held Government engagement events on EU exit	£709.77
Total		£41,255.28

Information provided by: Strategy and Engagement

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