

Ref: FOI 0865 Culture Spending

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find the answers to your queries below:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to request the following information:

- 1. The total amount of money spent by the council on cultural services, activities or buildings for the financial years:**
 - a. 2009-2010**
 - b. 2010-2011**
 - c. 2011-2012**
 - d. 2012-2013**
 - e. 2013-2014**
 - f. 2014-2015**
 - g. 2015-2016**
 - h. 2016-2017**
 - i. 2017-2018**
 - j. 2018-2019**
 - k. 2019-2020**
 - l. 2020-2021**
 - m. 2021-2022**
 - n. 2022-2023**
 - o. 2023-2024**
 - p. 2024-2025**

2. For each of the above financial years please provide the council's total overall budget and indicate what proportion (or percentage) of that budget was spent on cultural services/activities.

Unfortunately, we do not have data dating back to 2009. The earliest date I am able to provide data from is the 2018/19 financial year, as follows:

Cultural & Related Services Expenditure		Total Expenditure for Year	% Spent on Cultural & Related Services
2018/19	£1,719,913.82	£59,018,153.58	2.9%
2019/20	£1,608,633.56	£81,619,666.88	2.0%
2020/21	£1,136,831.72	£70,887,047.34	1.6%
2021/22	£1,849,809.24	£69,213,312.91	2.7%
2022/23	£2,325,285.37	£83,847,775.52	2.8%
2023/24	£2,400,490.64	£126,418,676.90	1.9%
2024/25	£3,173,494.08	£160,920,995.50	2.0%
2025/26	£2,229,498.43	£97,974,560.02	2.3%

This includes expenditure related to Guildford House, Guildford Museum, Guildhall, theatres & museums, grants to music & the arts, markets and book festivals, local cultural and heritage events, the tourist information centre and tourism.

Yours sincerely,

FOI Team

Guildford Borough Council