

Our Reference: FOI/1135

15th of September 2023



Dear ,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ENQUIRY: Capital expenditure has the Combined Authority

Thank you for contacting the West Yorkshire Combined Authority ('the Combined Authority') with your request for information, which was received on 16th of August 2023.

Your request was for:

How much capital expenditure has the Combined Authority committed in each of the last 5 years broken down by Parliamentary constituency.

Further clarification on this request was sort on the 11th of September 2023, where we asked for:

As such could you please clarify what you mean by 'commitment'. There are two possible definitions, so if you could confirm which one please:

- *Indicative approval of a scheme at Strategic Outline Case. This often means that development of a scheme can begin and funding is released for development costs(e.g. design fees, surveys etc.) but delivery costs are not released. This can mean that a scheme may not actually be delivered or changes can be made before it gets to delivery or*
- *Full approval of a scheme at Full Business Case. This means that full funding is released to deliver, i.e. a scheme commences construction on site*

You responded to informed us that:

When submitting the request I had (B) in mind however I would be happy for you to release the figures for both (A) and (B)

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act').

We have completed our searches and I can confirm that the Combined Authority does hold information covered by your request. Please see below for a chart with the requested information.

	Bradford	Calderdale	Kirklees	Leeds	Wakefield	West Yorkshire
2018/19	£10,019,265.00	£6,086,781.04	£984,000.00	£1,605,331.00	£6,280,241.00	£11,560,366.22
2019/20	£10,312,000.00	£0.00	£167,000.00	£184,306,802.00	£0.00	£74,973,033.09
2020/21	£6,267,000.00	£38,816,000.04	£1,895,000.00	£80,155,600.00	£7,261,000.00	£23,713,346.25
2021/22	£10,375,461.00	£47,948,000.00	£8,350,000.00	£6,472,243.00	£9,135,000.00	£58,245,530.00
2022/23	£6,257,000.00	£1,815,813.00	£0.00	£64,083,839.00	£0.00	£36,515,884.52

This shows, by West Yorkshire Partner, the approvals given at the point of projects receiving full approval – this means that full funding is released to commence scheme delivery, i.e. a scheme commences construction on site. Please note that partners also have indicative approvals for schemes that they have not yet progress to delivery stage and therefore would not be reflected in the above figures.

The table includes a column for schemes where the approved project is delivered across West Yorkshire, and we do not report disaggregated spend between the individual districts.

As you will see above the information supplied is in relation to the second definition provided (B), which you stipulated that you had in mind when submitting your request. The information required for first definition provided (A) would be much more difficult to extract. Whilst the information for B, which has been provided was readily available.

Furthermore, your request asked for a breakdown by parliamentary constituency. The Combined Authority does not hold full information on our system (PIMS) and therefore would not be able to provide this information in a recorded format. To provide some assistance and as an alternative to your request we have provide the information by each of the 5 West Yorkshire districts instead.

If you believe that your request for information has not been handled properly, you can ask for an internal review of our decision. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk

For your information, there is no charge for making an appeal.

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