

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Diwali Celebration Figures

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Could you please supply the figures for the cost of the Diwali day celebrations 2010/11. I understand the 2011/12 costs are projected as follows;

It costs £22k a year to provide and operate the decorative lighting for Diwali. The overall cost of the two main Diwali events, with road closures, signs and notices, firework displays and all attractions etc., is £140k, of which the city council pays about £110k with £30k from the sponsors.

Answer:

Please see table below showing the expenditure, income and net cost summary for 2010 & 2011 Diwali events.

(Please note 2011 budget is not 100% finalised yet).

Diwali Budget 2010 & 2011

2010	Expenditure (£)	Income (£)	Net Cost (£)
	122,365.00	33,000.00	89,365.00

2011	Expenditure (£)	Income (£)	Net Cost (£)
	117,146.00	29,000.00	88,146.00

In addition to the above expenditure these are the lighting costs:

Public Lighting Group actual spend for Diwali Festival for year 2010/11 (including the energy bill) was £27,250. For this year (2011/12), we have a budget of £22,000 and the actual costs will be known after the year end.

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Yours sincerely

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