**You asked for:**

**I would like to know the amount of money the council spent on the services of external law firms and barristers over the last two years (years ending March 31). If this is not possible within the restrictions of the Freedom of Information Act, one year of data will suffice.**

2014/15 Total spend on Barristers - £409,035.78

2014/15 Total spend on Solicitors - £238,991.27

2015/16 Total spend on Barristers - £608,222.79

2015/16 Total spend on Solicitors - £396,704.36

The figures above do not take into account matters such as (i) funded legal work – where the Council has secured dedicated funding for projects which account for anticipated legal spend separately to the Council’s General Fund Budget or (ii) cases where costs are subsequently recovered through an award of costs in our favour by a Court.

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