

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]
(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA011019-3740

5 November 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information about single use plastic, which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 1 October 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

1. *How much money do you spend, either directly or through contracted caterers/staff, on disposable plastic-lined coffee cups, and how much did these purchases cost? I would like this information broken down by month for the past three calendar years and any available 2019 data.*
2. *How much money do you spend, either directly or through contracted caterers/staff, on disposable plastic cutlery, and how much did these purchases cost? I would like this information broken down by month for the past three calendar years and any available 2019 data.*
3. *Do you intend to continue purchasing disposable coffee cups and plastic cutlery?*
4. *How much has been spent to provide staff with reusable water bottles/cups*

Please find below and attached the information we hold within the scope of your request:

1

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The information you have requested for 2016, 2017 and 2018 (January-February) has been published previously and can be found on the GLA's disclosure log reference MGLA190218-4114 [here](#).

The information that we hold within the scope of your request for March 2018 to present has been added – please see attached document.

2

How much money do you spend, either directly or through contracted caterers/staff, on disposable plastic cutlery, and how much did these purchases cost? I would like this information broken down by month for the past three calendar years and any available 2019 data.

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Our contractors OCS no longer purchase disposable plastic cutlery so there has been no spend on this in 2019. We use metal cutlery for internal hospitality and in the City Hall Café. For people wishing to take food away from the cafe, wooden cutlery is available.

3

Do you intend to continue purchasing disposable coffee cups and plastic cutlery?

- We no longer purchase plastic cutlery.
- Disposable coffee cups will continue to be available from our café at City Hall for customers who wish to take away their beverages, although the default offering is a ceramic cup. Disposable cups will also continue to be used at the small public café on Trafalgar Square. Our disposable coffee cups are recyclable. The café in City Hall has started charging 10p for disposable coffee cups from 1st July 2019. Staff and visitors who bring their reusable cup are already rewarded with a 10p discount on hot drinks.

4

How much has been spent to provide staff with reusable water bottles/cups

The GLA does not provide free reusable bottles or cups but reusable cups are available on sale in the café for the price of £7.99

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA011019-3740.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>

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Disposable Coffee Cups													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015 Cost	£214.90	£224.36	£333.69	£321.36	£431.44	£218.46	£218.46	£336.45	£369.36	£307.35	£207.52	£119.52	£3,303.51
2016 Cost	£322.35	£336.54	£333.69	£321.36	£323.58	£436.92	£218.46	£224.30	£369.36	£307.35	£207.52	£0.00	£3,401.53
2017 Cost	£0.00	£336.54	£111.23	£321.36	£323.58	£0.00	£0.00	£224.30	£0.00	£204.90	£0.00	£119.52	£1,641.13
2018 Cost	£322.35	£224.36	£ 66.95	£ -	£ -	£ 189.10	£ 114.35	£ 111.16	£ 32.80	£ 98.40	£ -	£ -	£1,159.59
2019 cost	£209.92	£196.80	£ 209.92	£ 176.72	£ 184.07	£ -	£ 94.59	£ 71.37	£ 115.84	£ -	£ -	£ -	£1,259.59
												Total	£10,764.12

2. How much money do you spend, either directly or through contracted caterers/staff, on disposable plastic cutlery, and how much did these purchases cost?

Disposable Plastic Cutlery													
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2015 Cost	£39.30	£65.50	£26.20	£0.00	£78.60	£26.20	£26.20	£26.20	£0.00	£27.80	£55.60	£0.00	£372
2016 Cost	£69.50	£27.80	£83.40	£55.60	£55.60	£83.40	£83.40	£0.00	£126.90	£56.40	£112.80	£0.00	£755
2017 Cost	£0.00	£42.30	£84.60	£0.00	£84.60	£0.00	£28.20	£0.00	£70.50	£0.00	£43.95	£0.00	£354
2018 Cost	£58.60	£29.30	£ -	£ 46.85	£ 281.10	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 32.60	£448
2019 cost	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£0
												Total	£1,929