

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

[REDACTED]
(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA240820-1952

22 September 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 24 August 2020. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

- 1) The budget allocated by the council for Christmas decorations (such as lights, baubles, Christmas trees) for this year (2020).*
- 2) The figures detailing the amount of money spent on Christmas decorations per year since 2015.*

Our response to your request is as follows.

Your request appears to be intended for local authorities so for context, I should clarify that the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local councils. In London you would need to contact the Borough Councils, including the City of London and Westminster City Council: <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>.

However, the GLA does hold some information within the scope of your request which relates to a tree and decorations within City Hall. The GLA also pays for the installation of the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square.

- 1) The budget allocated by the council for Christmas decorations (such as lights, baubles, Christmas trees) for this year (2020)*

City Hall

The cost in 2020 is £1273. (part of a wider contract was for horticulture in City Hall that was awarded to the company which offered the best value overall, retendered 2019).

Trafalgar Square

The budget for this year is £59,000, however we will receive a contribution of approx. 50% from Westminster City Council for the lighting ceremony which is their responsibility.

- 2) The figures detailing the amount of money spent on Christmas decorations per year since 2015.*

City Hall

Costs for the Christmas tree in the reception area at City Hall are as follows. In 2019 the contract for office plants, including the Christmas tree, was retendered. The contract was awarded to the company which offered the best value overall.

2019 - £1,236.00

2018 - £441.52

2017 - £430.75

2016 - £420.25

2015 - £410.00

Trafalgar Square

The GLA also pays for the installation of the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square as set out in a previous response at https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/mgla281119-7977_-_foi_response_redacted.pdf

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA240820-1952.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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