

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20200725**  
Date FOI Received: **18/12/2020**  
Department: **Parks**  
Title: **Council greenery spending**  
Description: **Grounds maintenance and trees spend**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

Please could you provide the following data points on council spending on green spaces:

- Amount spent on decoration of green spaces, broken down by the following costs; trees, flowers, bedding, bulbs, shrubs, plants, plant pots and hanging baskets
- Amount spent on green space maintenance, i.e. salary costs for groundskeepers, machinery and equipment maintenance etc.

Please could you provide the data broken down separately over the following years:

- 2019
- 2020
- 2021

(forecasted budget for 2021 but total spend in 2020, 2019)

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

It is not possible to supply the information broken down as requested. Our ground maintenance is largely provided through a direct contract which includes routine and seasonal planting, maintenance and equipment costs. Hertsmere Borough Council has separate contracts for tree planting programmes, replacement and maintenance including emergency response. The costs below set out the total expenditure or budgets for grounds maintenance and trees as being the closest fit to your request.

	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Grounds Maintenance	511,050	531,355	567,100	595,200
Trees	69,006	88,281	92,200	92,200

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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