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Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000: Public Money spent in Northern Cities

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 09 March 2010.

You asked for –

...a breakdown of how much public money has been spent in the below cities over the last 10 years?

1. Manchester
2. Leeds
3. Liverpool
4. Newcastle
5. Sheffield

The Treasury does not hold information categorised in the way you have requested. Departments that provide funding direct to local authorities publish information on relevant departmental websites. For example, the local government finance settlement allocations are published on the Communities and Local Government website. The 2009/10 settlement is published at www.local.communities.gov.uk/finance/0910/grant.htm#set0910 and breaks funding allocations down to local authority level.

As you may be aware, this will not cover the totality of total public funding spent within individual local authority areas. At Budget 09, the Government launched the Total Place initiative, with thirteen pilots across the country. One of the objectives for each pilot was to calculate the sum of public spending in each pilot area. Greater Manchester was one of these pilots, although the other cities you asked about were not included. The breakdown of annual spending for each of the local authorities within Greater Manchester is publicly available as part of the pilot's own report, available at this link:

www.agma.gov.uk/cms_media/files/mcrcity_region_warringtontotal_place_report.pdf

I hope that despite not being able to answer your question in full, you find this a helpful response. If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. It will be helpful to us if you remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.



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Your right to complain under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

If you are not happy with this reply, you may request a review by writing to HM Treasury, Information Rights Unit, 2/S2, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ.

Email FOI.responses@hmtreasury.gov.uk

Any review request must be made within 2 months of the date of this letter.

It would assist our review if you set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Treasury. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

