



## Northamptonshire County Council

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Please ask for: Freedom of Information  
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Our ref: FR8856  
Your ref:  
Date: 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Dear Mr Chatterton,

### **Information Request: FR8856**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018, received by us on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

### **Our Response**

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

*Dear Northamptonshire County Council,  
I would be very grateful if you could supply me with the following information*

*1) The total expenditure by NCC for library services for the following financial years:*

*2014/15*

*2015/16*

*2016/17*

*2017/18*

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YR	Rev Expenditure Total (incl some 2016/17 data supplied after CIPFA published and excludes Support Costs and Premises Costs and Income)
Yr2017/18	£3,926,448
Yr2016/17	£4,267,280
Yr2015/16	£4,330,255
Yr2014/15	£5,108,725

*2) The total expenditure of books and other printed materials for the same financial periods*

YR	REV Expenditure Extract: Total for Books, Newspapers, Periodicals and Magazines
Yr2017/18	£394,386
Yr2016/17	£690,058
Yr2015/16	£519,224
Yr2014/15	£654,107

*3) The expenditure for 2018/19 up to 30/11/2018, both the total expenditure on library services and the total on books and printed material*

**Total spend on Libraries = £2,270,339.89**

**Total spend on books and other printed material = £56,986.81**

*4) The budget for 2019/20 for both total library expenditure and the total for books and other printed materials.*

**The total budget allocation for the library service for 2019/20 is £4,400,124**

**The allocation for the book and media fund is £900k. All printed material is purchased from this fund along with other information resources in digital or online format.**

*5) Could you please explain how the amount of £330,000 for property savings has been calculated in the Draft Budget line 18-007-05. Copies of any paperwork explaining this calculation would be appreciated*

**The £330,000 property savings is based on the sum of the current property costs for each of the affected libraries.**

Library	Property savings
Finedon	£11,052
St James	£12,440
Deanshanger	£7,440
Desborough	£20,850
Earls Barton	£11,442
Far Cotton	£31,272
Irchester	£9,074
Kingsthorpe	
Middleton Cheney	£10,251
Moulton	£14,885
Oundle	£14,858
Raunds	£16,960
Roade	£10,352
Rothwell	£23,306
Wollaston	£11,992
Wootton	£19,098
Long Buckby	£13,225
Woodford Halse	£11,015
Higham Ferrers	£19,527
Danesholme	£19,220
Abington	£15,809
Duston	£16,925
Thrapston	£9,372
<b>Total</b>	<b>£330,365</b>

6) *It appears that you have purchased new consultation software – Citizen Space from Delib. Could you please advise the cost of this software and whether it was approved as essential expenditure under the S114 regulations*

**The total cost of the software was £14,943 until 31 March 2020 (excluding VAT). This is a corporate resource used across all service areas. It was approved as capital spending from the Transformation Budget at Cabinet in October 2018 as part of the Stabilisation Plan. The software addresses a number of issues including better compliance with GDPR, improved customer interface, greater transparency and the capacity within the team to manage consultations following the loss of three members of staff.**

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Information Commissioner  
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Yours sincerely

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