

Freedom of Information – Response – 27473

Dear sirs, could I please request the following information split into two parts

1. What were the annual costs of running the Library Service since it was taken in-house (exclude integration costs)

As Suffolk County Council (SCC) has not had the library service in-house for a full financial year we do not have a full financial year's worth of costs.

Details of the library budget are available, but this information is readily accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

Section 21 of the FOIA states that a public authority does not need to provide information under section 1 of the Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

Details of the library budget are available here:

[Meeting Documents - Committee Minutes](#) – Agenda Item 6 – Revenue Budget 2026-27 – Appendices A to H, page 115

2. What were the full costs of integrating the Library Service into SCC from the period 1st June 2025 - 31st May 2026.

As part of the transition planning, the Council established a Library Transition Fund of £1.8 million of which we spent £1,628,030 for the period 1st June 2025 to 31st May 2026.