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MEETING:	Full Council
MEETING DATE:	Thursday 24 th June 2021
ITEM NO.	Item 27a
SUBJECT:	UPDATE ON FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS
REPORT BY:	Clerk to the Council and Responsible Finance Officer

1. BACKGROUND

At the last meeting of Council, the Clerk was asked to prepare a report on the current situation with regards the number of Freedom of Information (FOI) requests answered over the last 5 in comparison with this year.

2. NUMBERS OF FOI REQUESTS YEAR ON YEAR

Year	No. of Questions	Parties	Cost
2016/17	1	1	Not recorded
2017/18	1	1	Not recorded
2018/19	7	2	Not recorded
2019/20	17	5	Not recorded
2020/21	16	5	£2929.17
2021/22*	42	8	£3448

Figures for 2021/22 are to date from 1st April 2021 to 18th June 2021 only

3. COSTS PER PARTY

Party	No. of Questions	Cost to date	Note limit exceeded
A	15	£1393	Exceeded limit (6 th September 2021)
B	3	£248	
C	1	£60	
D	1	£120	
E	4	£444	1 question o/s
F	14	£1099	Exceeded limit (23 rd August 2021)
G	2	£82	3 questions o/s
H	1	£120	

Figures have been rounded.

4. RECOMMENDATION

Action to make the FOI requests more prominent and easier to find on the website has now been actioned
Council to note the report and Clerk will answer any questions in Council.