

**Question 1**

How many members of staff does the council employ to fill trade union posts? Please provide job titles, salaries and, if possible, names for each of these posts. Please state the council's total expenditure on trade union posts in the financial year 2009-10 and so far this financial year.

**Answer 1**

The Council does not employ staff specifically in trade union posts and does not therefore have any expenditure in relation to this.

**Question 2**

How much money did the council spend on wine and other alcoholic drinks in the financial year 2009/10 and so far this financial year? Please provide a breakdown of each item of expenditure on alcohol. Please provide any documents, memos, letters or emails related to the purchase of alcohol written in the above mentioned period.

**Answer 2**

6 bottles of Blossom Hill wine bought for a reception in May 2009 @ £3.99 per bottle = £23.94.

**Question 3**

How much money did the council spend on "twinning" with overseas towns in the financial year 2009/10 and so far this financial year? Please provide a breakdown of all spending on twinning. Please provide any documents, memos, letters or emails related to twinning written in the above mentioned period.

**Answer 3**

Please see Question 3 – Part 1 and 2 for a breakdown of the answer.

**Question 4**

What were the council's five highest redundancy payments since March 2010? Please provide the names, job titles and salaries of each member of staff.

**Answer 4**

The Council has made three redundancies since March 2010.

<u>Post Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Redundancy Payment</u>
* Redacted	£33,661	£11,400
* Redacted	£28,636	£ 8,787
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\* Redacted under Section 40 Personal Information, as disclosing the post title would easily identify the individuals.