I am writing on behalf of Chris Daniels to respond to your information request:

1. How much is being spent in 2013 on Christmas illuminations/Christmas trees/Christmas decorations?

For Maidenhead a new star for the Town Hall Christmas tree has been purchased but the cost is not currently available.

For Windsor

Currently spent £25,000 on Christmas Lights for Windsor, Christmas Tree on Castle Hill is sponsored by the crown estate, Tree on Guildhall Island you will have to speak to Helen Leonard regarding the cost of this.

Christmas Light in the two shopping centres are funded privately.

Christmas Lights in Eton are funded by Eton Community and Traders Associations.


Installation costs for the Borough (Windsor, Eton, Maidenhead and Sunningdale) – budget of £40k per annum

2008-2009 - Windsor - £0 on decoration and £5k on installation , Christmas Tree in Windsor £0, Christmas Tree in Eton paid for by Eton traders, Guildhall tree - information not held

Eton decoration paid for by Eton Traders , Installation £5k

Christmas Light in the two shopping centres are funded privately.

2009-2010 - Windsor - £0 on decoration and £7k on installation , Christmas Tree in Windsor £0, Christmas Tree in Eton paid for by Eton traders, Guildhall tree – information not held

Christmas lights in the two shopping centres are funded privately.

2010-2011 Windsor - decorations on Trees in Pots funded by Chamber of commerce. and £8k on installation , Christmas Tree in Windsor £0, Christmas Tree in Eton paid for by Eton traders, Guildhall tree - information not held

Christmas Lights in the two shopping centres are funded privately.

Eton decoration paid for by Eton Traders , Installation £6k.
2011-2012 Windsor - £0 on decoration and £7k on installation, Christmas Tree in Windsor £0, Christmas Tree in Eton paid for by Eton traders, Guildhall tree - information not held

Christmas Lights in the two shopping centres are funded privately.

Eton decoration paid for by Eton Traders, Installation £5k

3. What, if anything, has been cut in terms of Christmas spending for 2013?

Nothing, the budget has been frozen

4. What, if anything, has been increased in terms of Christmas spending for 2013?

In Maidenhead a new star on Christmas tree

In Windsor new lights gained financial support from the chamber of commerce and Eton trader and community association

5. If there have been cuts in Christmas spending for 2013 please give reasons; i.e. financial or religious

NA

6. What does your council call Christmas, if this not the preferred term for the winter holiday celebration?

Christmas

If you are unhappy with the information we have provided in response to your request please write to:

Information Management Team Manager
Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead
Town Hall, St Ives Road
Maidenhead
SL6 1RF

or send an e-mail to martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk

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Please send any feedback to the Information Management Team Manager either by e-mail martin.tubbs@rbwm.gov.uk or in writing to the address above.

Yours sincerely

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1) How would you rate our performance in relation to processing your request:
   Excellent     Good     Fair     Poor

   If you have answered Fair or Poor please suggest how we can improve:

   __________________________________________________________________________

2) Did you receive the response to your request within the advised timescale? Yes/No
3) Did the response meet your needs? Yes/No
   If No, why was that?

   __________________________________________________________________________

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   If Yes, why did you then need to submit a request (Highlight all that apply)?

   • Information required not found
   • Information found out of date
   • Information not in required format
   • Information insufficient to meet need
   • Other please specify:

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If No, why was that?

5) Please add any further comments that would help us improve our service:

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form – your feedback is appreciated.