



New research by the TaxPayers' Alliance has exposed numerous examples of wasteful spending by Lancaster City Council, just as they press ahead with council tax hikes. Read the full list below:

£5,000 to be spent on a Grassland Management Study (reviewing **how to cut grass**). ([Source](#))

£48,200 will be spent **adding sensors to rubbish bins**. ([Source](#))

£425,920.99 spent on a **local plan report** that is now in limbo. ([Source 1](#)) ([Source 2](#)) ([Source 3](#))

£5,140.78 was spent on a performance by 'The Manfreds' rock band. ([Source](#))

£44,198.70 spent on a **chauffeur service** for the mayor since 2015. ([Source](#))

£3,177.34 was spent on **Carlsberg lager** over a 3 month period. ([Source](#))

£75,400 to be spent over four years on a **marketing and communications assistant**. ([Source](#))

£82,000 to be spent over four years on a **service desk assistant**. ([Source](#))

£80,100 to be spent over three years on a **temporary human resources partner**. ([Source](#))

£76,000 to be spent over four years on a **project support assistant**. ([Source](#))

£165,100 to be spent over four years on a **marketing manager**. ([Source](#))

Over **£40,000** over two years to be spent on a new **public health project coordinator**. ([Source](#))

£101,700 converting **council properties** into student accommodation.  
([Source 1](#)) ([Source 2](#)) ([Source 3](#))

### **Council spending on Agency & Consultants**

From the financial year 2016/17 up to 14th February 2019 Lancaster City Council (LCC) spent **£3,844,230.57** on agency and consultancy fees.

- In 2016/17 LCC spent **£1,075,653.64** ([Source](#))
- In 2017/18 LCC spent **£1,583,076.45** ([Source](#))
- In 2018/19 (up to 14th February) LCC spent **£1,185,500.48** ([Source](#))