



Reference: FOI2988

**Request:**

Please release the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

How much money has the council spent on remote working facilities for staff working from home?

Please Provide the figures for each of the following years

2020

2019

2018

Please Provide a breakdown of the equipment purchased

**Response:**

In 2018 and 2019 this expenditure would be considered 'Business As Usual' within our wider ICT budget, which includes a desktop refresh programme with an element of that programme designed to ensure officers have laptops etc which allow for remote working. Expenditure in 2019/20 was £430k and 2018/19 was £89k.

The desktop refresh budget for 2020/21 was initially set at £200k and in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and the requirement for more staff to work from home, additional support of a further £200k was included in the desktop refresh budget and additional expenditure has also been spent on additional WIFI support/routers etc (£3k).

There are also occasions, when services will have provided additional equipment, such as Chairs and Desks for long term remote working. However, this spend is included in their normal operating expenditure and therefore can't be identified as specific for remote working.