

## **Brook House Inquiry End of Year 2020-21 Financial Report**

## Costs

As part of the Inquiry's commitment to transparency, it publishes details of its expenditure. The table below covers total expenditure from 1 April 2020 up to 31 March 2021.

## Overview

The information in this report sets out the expenditure for the financial year 2020-21, totalling £3,524,936. Costs are recorded on a resource basis and audited by the National Audit Office as part of the sponsoring Department accounts.

DESCRIPTION	COST (£)
Chair	£122,102
Inquiry staffing (Secretariat)	£530,663
Inquiry legal costs (solicitor, counsel and legal team)	£2,132,852
Core participant and witness costs	£187,963 <sup>1</sup>
Running costs, including accommodation and IT	£466,729 <sup>2</sup>
Consultancy and specialist services	£84,627 <sup>3</sup>
TOTAL COSTS	£3,524,936

## **Notes on Costs**

These figures cover expenditure where invoices have been paid during the reporting period. Costs also include accruals for invoices expected (for goods or services received in the 2020/21 financial year) but which have not been received by the end of the reporting period.

- 1. Core participant and witness costs. The Chair has made a number of Core Participant determinations and designated several firms as recognised legal representatives. Expenditure relating to core participants or witnesses to the Inquiry is made per the cost award protocol.
- **2. Running costs including accommodation and IT.** Running costs include accommodation rental, IT equipment and document management systems.
- **3. Consultancy and specialist services**. The Inquiry has appointed two expert witnesses up to the end of March. Additional, Consultancy and specialist services procured during this period include i) media services to support the Inquiry's preliminary hearings; ii) live streaming of the preliminary hearings; iii) interpretation and translation services; iv) witness support services; and v) witness tracing.

The Inquiry's costs are met by the Home Office who sponsor the Inquiry. A joint management statement exists to ensure clear roles and responsibilities are in place to facilitate the running of the Inquiry, in accordance with the provisions of the Inquiries Act 2005 and the Inquiry Rules 2006.

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