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Midlands Councils' Spending Uncovered: Research Note 1
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Midlands councils' flights

In the first in a new series of regional research notes focusing on the Midlands, the TaxPayers' Alliance can reveal the cost of flights by authorities in the area over the last two years. Our findings show that 48 councils in the region have continued to spend money on air travel despite tighter budgets. The 29 councils who did not spend any money on flights should be commended for using taxpayers' money responsibly.

Modern communications – enabling face to face meetings and conference calls from the office – have rendered many journeys redundant. Local authorities should explore alternative options that might lower costs.

The key findings of this research are:

- **48 Councils across the Midlands spent a combined total of at least £290,000 on flights** between April 2009 and March 2011. Unfortunately Birmingham City Council was unable to provide the requested information, so the true figure is almost certainly higher.
- **29 councils did not spend any money** at all on flights over the period.
- **Lincolnshire County Council spent more than £42,000** on flights, making them the **highest spending** council in the region.
- **Redditch Borough Council** spent more than **£900 to send two employees to Brussels on a premium economy flight**, whereas the same trip only cost Telford and Wrekin council £400.
- **Wolverhampton Council** spent more than **£7,100 on business class flights to Dubai and Bangalore** in 2010-11.
- **Lincolnshire Council spent more than £27,000 on 12 trips to the USA and Canada**, some of which were on BA 'World Traveller Plus' and business class. They also spent **£4,000 on a business class flight to Tokyo**.
- **Nottingham Council** spent almost **£2,000** on a trip to Shanghai in China.
- **Rutland Council** spent more than **£10,000** on flights to Accra in Ghana.

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Birmingham City Council

Birmingham City Council, the largest local authority in the UK, was unable to respond to our request with usable information. Each council was asked for the cost of flights in specific financial periods. Birmingham did not give us this information, insisting that all the costs were listed on their website. But their numbers unfortunately included additional costs such as accommodation and visas which we did not ask for, so they are not included in Table 4 as the data would not be comparable with other authorities. However, the information they did provide does not appear to correspond with their total figures for the periods in question. They were not able to clarify this discrepancy.

From the information available on their website, the council spent more than £40,000 on foreign trips in 2009-10 and 2010-11 including visits to the USA, Canada, China and Australia.¹ Full details can be found in Table 3.

Sources and Methodology

- All information was provided in response to a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act submitted on 22nd June 2011. We are not responsible for the accuracy of information contained within responses to FOI requests. If mistakes have been made then we are happy to accept corrections.

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<http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/democracy/Pages/MeetingSearch.aspx?FromDate=&ToDate=&MeetSubType=142&keyWord=&FullPhrase=False>



Table 1: Top 10 Midlands councils by amount spent on flights in both 2009-10 and 2010-11

Rank	Council	Total (£)
1	Lincolnshire	42,769
2	Staffordshire	26,351
3	Leicestershire	26,328
4	Nottingham	17,390
5	Nottinghamshire	16,814
6	Worcestershire	16,556
7	East Lindsey	13,948
8	Coventry	13,922
9	Amber Valley	12,689
10	Shropshire	11,822

Table 2: Midlands councils that did not spend any money on flights in 2009-10 and 2010-11

Council
Bassetlaw
Blaby
Bolsover
Bromsgrove
Broxtowe
Daventry
Derbyshire Dales
East Northamptonshire
East Staffordshire
Harborough
Herefordshire
Kettering
Malvern Hills
Mansfield
Newcastle-under-Lyme
North Kesteven
North West Leicestershire
Nuneaton and Bedworth
Oadby and Wigston
Rugby
Rushcliffe
South Derbyshire
South Holland
South Kesteven
Staffordshire Moorlands
West Lindsey
Worcester
Wychavon
Wyre Forest

Table 3: Details of all overseas travel by Birmingham City Council
N.B. This includes all costs of an overseas trip, not just flights

2009-10		2010-11	
Destination	Cost (£)	Destination	Cost (£)
Cannes, France	10,775	Harrisburg, USA	5,306
Milan, Italy	3,536	Brussels, Belgium	2,038
Copenhagen, Denmark	3,461	Jamaica, West Indies	1,619
Stockholm, Sweden	3,440	Berlin, Germany	940
Brno, Czech Republic	1,107	Budapest, Hungary	536
Oslo, Norway	1,050	Hamburg, Germany	533
Seattle, USA	1,024	Brussels, Belgium	531
Venice, Italy	586	Barcelona, Spain	505
Murcia, Spain	574	Frankfurt, Germany	500
Brussels, Belgium	494	Bonn, Germany	478
Brussels, Belgium	406	Nuremburg, Germany	388
Abu Dhabi, UAE	350	Bourg La Reine, France	337
Madrid, Spain	263	Bourgas, Bulgaria	324
Guangzhou, China	250	Brussels, Belgium	313
Eindhoven, Netherlands	140	Warsaw, Poland/Brussels, Belgium	251
Vancouver, Canada	115	Beijing, China	230
Hong Kong	109	Brussels, Belgium	203
Dublin, Ireland	100	Brussels, Belgium	195
Cairo, Egypt	85	Brussels, Belgium	179
Athens, Greece	27	Barcelona, Spain	160
Brussels, Belgium	0	Canberra, Australia	89
Antwerp, Belgium	0	Abu Dhabi, UAE	88
Lyon, France	0	Genoa, Italy	82
Lyon, France	0	Heidelberg, Germany	65
Sofia, Bulgaria	0	Frankfurt, Germany	57
Lyon, France	0	Berlin, Germany	23
Terrassa, Spain	0	Australia/New Zealand	15
Brussels, Belgium	0	Johannesburg, South Africa	0
Berlin, Germany	0	Stockholm, Sweden	0
Bahrain	0	Johannesburg, South Africa	0
Maastricht, Netherlands	0	Brussels, Brussels	0
Göteborg, Sweden	0	Strasbourg, France	0
Brussels, Belgium	0	Stuttgart, Germany	0
Eindhoven, Netherlands	0	Stuttgart, Germany	0
Houston, USA	0	Berlin, Germany	0
Cagliari, Italy	0	Brussels, Belgium	0
Vienna, Austria	0	Budapest, Hungary	0
Badalona	0	Brussels, Belgium	0

2009-10		2010-11	
Destination	Cost (£)	Destination	Cost (£)
Brussels, Belgium	0	Prague, Czech Republic	0
		Brussels, Belgium	0
		Brussels, Belgium	0
		Brussels, Belgium	0
		San Antonio	0
		Brussels, Belgium	0
		Brussels, Belgium	0
		The Hague	0
		San Antonio	0
		Linkoping	0
		The Hague	0
		Beijing, China	0
		Paris, France	0
		Warsaw, Poland	0
		Barcelona, Spain	0
		Brussels, Belgium	0
		Lyon, France	0
		Dortmund, Germany	0
		Ahmedabad & Aurangabad, India	0
		Tallinn, Estonia	0
		Praid, Romania	0
		Eindhoven, Netherlands	0
		Brussels, Belgium	0
		Prague, Czech Republic	0
		Brussels, Belgium	0
		Brussels, Belgium	0
Total:	27,892		15,985

Table 4: Flight details for 2009-10 and 2010-11

Notes are attached at the end of the table

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
Amber Valley	Wroclaw, Poland	-	Economy	127	4,443	Wroclaw, Poland	-	Economy	62	8,246	1
	Wroclaw, Poland	-	Economy	366		Wroclaw, Poland	-	Economy	342		
	Poland	-	Economy	3,950		Poland	-	Economy	8,000		
Ashfield	<i>No Flights</i>					Londonderry, UK	Ryanair	Budget	342	2,726	
						Newark, USA	Ryedale Travel	Economy	2,384		
Bassetlaw	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Birmingham	<i>Unusable information provided</i>										
Blaby	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Bolsover	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Boston	Laval, France	Ryanair	Economy	666	666	<i>No Flights</i>					
Bromsgrove	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Broxtowe	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Cannock Chase	Brussels, Belgium	British Airways	Economy	202	202	Dusseldorf, Germany	Ryanair	Economy	232	232	2
Charnwood	Schwabisch Hall, Germany	Flybe	Standard	337	1,008	Schwabisch Hall, Germany	Flybe	Standard	334	334	3
	Zamosc, Poland	Wizz Air	Standard	671							
Chesterfield	Darmstadt, Germany	Flybe	-	350	1,288	Darmstadt, Germany	Flybe	-	259	488	4
	Antwerp, Belgium	Flybe	-	407		Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	-	229		
	Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	-	138							

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
Corby	Frankfurt, Germany	Flybe	-	275	1,129	<i>No Flights</i>					
	-	Flybe	-	118							
	Poitiers, France	Ryanair	Economy	489							
	Poitiers, France	Ryanair	Economy	367							
Coventry	Dusseldorf, Germany	Air Berlin	Economy	273	9,690	Volvograd, Russia	Aeroflot	-	481	4,231	
	Hamburg, Germany	Flybe	-	164		Nice, France	EasyJet/BMI Baby	-	1,458		
	Biarritz, France	Ryanair	-	104		Hamburg, Germany	Flybe	-	557		
	San Sebastian	Ryanair	-	248		Brussels, Belgium	Not provided	-	308		
	Volvograd, Russia	Aeroflot	-	587		Dresden, Germany	Lufthansa	-	304		
	Beijing, China	Air France	-	7,583		Nice, France	EasyJet/BMI Baby	-	1,124		
	Belgrade, Serbia	British Airways	-	242							
	Chicago, USA	British Airways	-	763							
Daventry	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Derby	Jamaica	-	Standard	0	1,196	Osnabruck, Germany	-	Standard	480	1,868	5
	Arles, France	-	Standard	162		China	-	Standard	40		
	Philadelphia, USA	-	Standard	0		Cannes, France	-	Standard	0		
	Galway, Ireland	-	Standard	112		Cannes, France	-	Standard	315		
	Cannes, France	-	Standard	921							

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
Derbyshire	Edinburgh, UK	Flybe	Standard	187	187	Paderborn, Germany	-	Standard	232	232	
Derbyshire Dales	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Dudley	Montpellier, France	Flybe	Economy	500		Bologna, Italy	Ryanair	Economy	1,147		
	Belfast, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	314	814	Bologna, Italy	Ryanair	Economy	783	2,798	
						Bologna, Italy	Ryanair	Economy	122		
						Belfast, UK	Flybe	Economy	118		
						Guernsey, UK	Flybe	Economy	436		
						Belfast, UK	Flybe	Economy	192		
East Lindsey	Paris, France	BMI Baby	-	259	13,289	Amsterdam, Netherlands & Copenhagen, Denmark	KLM	-	380	659	
	Paris, France	BMI Baby	-	108		Amsterdam, Netherlands	Jet2	-	103		
	Manchester, UK	British Airways	-	59		Copenhagen, Denmark	EasyJet	-	176		
	London, UK	Bulgaria Air	-	151							
	Stansted, UK	EasyJet	-	264							
	Luton, UK	EasyJet	-	147							
	Stansted, UK	Ryanair	-	124							

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	London, UK	Turkish Airlines	-	646							
	London, UK	Turkish Airlines	-	115							
	London, UK	Bulgaria Air	-	604							
	Vienna, Austria	SAS	-	263							
	Vienna, Austria	SAS	-	263							
	Vienna, Austria	SAS	-	263							
	Vienna, Austria	SAS	-	263							
	Vienna, Austria	SAS	-	263							
	Vienna, Austria	Austrian Airlines	-	479							
	Vienna, Austria	Austrian Airlines	-	479							
	Vienna, Austria	Austrian Airlines	-	479							
	Vienna, Austria	Austrian Airlines	-	479							
	Vienna, Austria	Austrian Airlines	-	479							
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Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	Vienna, Austria	Austrian Airlines	-	391							
	Vienna, Austria	Austrian Airlines	-	391							
	Vienna, Austria	Austrian Airlines	-	225							
	Heathrow, UK	British Airways	-	1,751							
	Amsterdam, Netherlands & Stockholm, Sweden	KLM	-	383							
	Amsterdam, Netherlands & Stockholm, Sweden	KLM	-	337							
	Amsterdam, Netherlands & Stockholm, Sweden	KLM	-	337							
	Amsterdam, Netherlands & Stockholm, Sweden	KLM	-	337							
	Amsterdam, Netherlands & Stockholm, Sweden	KLM	-	383							
	Angelholm, Sweden	Kullaflyg	-	689							
	Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-	88							
	Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-	88							

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-	88							
	Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-	88							
	Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-	88							
East Northamptonshire	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
East Staffordshire	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Erewash	Chalons-en-Champagne, France	BMI Baby	-	1,079	1,079	Frankfurt, Germany	Flybe	-	1,043	1,043	
Gedling	<i>No Flights</i>					Frankfurt, Germany	Flybe	Economy	845	1,155	6
						Belfast, UK	Ryanair	Standard	183		
						Belfast, UK	Ryanair	Standard	127		
Harborough	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Herefordshire	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
High Peak	<i>No Flights</i>					Bournemouth, UK	Flybe	Economy	152	152	
Hinckley and Bosworth	Paris, France	Air France	Economy	120	354	Paris, France	Flybe	-	429	429	
	Paris, France	Flybe	-	234							
Kettering	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Leicester	Ireland	Ryanair	-	60	7,558	Italy	Ryanair	-	126	1,298	
	Brussels, Belgium	British Midland	-	612		Italy	Ryanair	-	156		
	Amsterdam, Netherlands	BMI Baby	-	354		Strasbourg, France	Ryanair	-	326		
	Portugal	Ryanair	-	633		Belfast, UK	Ryanair	-	267		
	Spain	Ryanair	-	198		Naples, Italy	EasyJet	-	161		
	Frankfurt, Germany	Flybe	-	478		Naples, Italy	EasyJet	-	152		

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	Frankfurt, Germany	Ryanair	-	107		Poland	Ryanair	-	109		
	Lithuania	Ryanair	-	178							
	Chonquing, China	BA/Cathay Pacific	-	1,520							
	Amritsar, India	British Airways	-	2,737							
	Ireland	Ryanair	-	216							
	Poznan, Poland	Ryanair	-	467							
Leicestershire	Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	164	17,999	Aberdeen, UK	Flybe	Economy	69	8,330	7
	Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,601		Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,612		
	Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,601		Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	368		
	Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,602		Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,613		
	Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,582		Scotland, UK	BMI Baby	Standard	109		
	Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,582		Edinburgh, UK	BMI Baby	Not Available	99		
	Guangzhou, China	KLM	Economy	601		Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,593		
	-	BMI Baby	-	52		Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,222		
	Leicestershire, UK	BMI Baby	Standard	99		Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	1,624		
	Paris, France	BMI Baby	Economy	888		Belfast, UK	Ryanair	-	21		
	Latvia	Ryanair	Economy	124							
	Latvia	Ryanair	Economy	104							
	Spain	Ryanair	-	204							

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	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	Spain	Ryanair	-	35							
	East Midlands, UK	BMI Baby	Standard	38							
	Waterford, Ireland	Aer Arann	Standard	164							
	Waterford, Ireland	Aer Arann	Standard	84							
	Waterford, Ireland	Aer Arann	Standard	40							
	Waterford, Ireland	Aer Arann	Standard	32							
	Waterford, Ireland	Aer Arann	Standard	84							
	Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	2,915							
	Newcastle, UK	Eastern Airways	Standard	3,178							
	-	BMI Baby	-	26							
	-	BMI Baby	-	88							
	-	CH ECOMM	-	95							
	-	BMI Baby	-	306							
	-	CH ECOMM	-	338							
	Paris, France	BMI Baby	Economy	173							
Edinburgh, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	199								
Lichfield	Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	Economy	462	462	<i>No Flights</i>					
Lincoln	<i>No Flights</i>					Hahn, Germany	Ryanair	Economy	420	2,353	
						Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	Economy	168		
						Nuremburg, Germany	Air Berlin	Economy	447		

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	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
Lincolnshire	San Francisco, USA	British Airways	Economy	463	29,800	Beijing, China	KLM	Economy	1,318	12,969	8
	Bilbao, Spain	EasyJet	-	588		Glasgow, UK	BMI Baby	YD	106		
	USA		Business	6004		Glasgow, UK	BMI Baby	YD	106		
	Paris, France	BMI Baby	-	290		Glasgow, UK	BMI Baby	YD	106		
	Paris, France	BMI Baby	-	238		Derry, UK	EasyJet	N/A	213		
	Berlin, Germany	Ryanair	-	340		Frankfurt, Germany	Ryanair	Standard	110		
	Berlin, Germany	KLM	Economy	727		Wellington, New Zealand	British Airways	Club World	3999		
	Berlin, Germany	KLM	Economy	427		Wellington, New Zealand	Opodo	Economy	783		
	Rhode Island, USA	British Airways	Club World	4103		Berlin, Germany	British Midland	Economy	127		
	Ottawa, Canada	British Airways	Business/premium economy	3503		Berlin, Germany	British Midland	Economy	136		
	Montreal, Canada	Air Canada	Unknown	218		Northern Ireland, UK	BMI Baby	Unknown	114		
	Atlanta, USA	British Airways	Business/premium economy	4017		Reykjavik, Iceland	Icelandair	Economy	301		
	Panama City, Panama	Delta	Unknown	258		Reykjavik, Iceland	Icelandair	Economy	373		
	Chicago, USA	British Airways	World Traveller Plus	2395		Reykjavik, Iceland	Icelandair	Economy	478		
	South Carolina, USA	British Airways	Business/premium economy	3062		Edinburgh, UK	Flybe	Economy	173		

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	Charlotte, USA	British Airways	World Traveller Plus	1237		Edinburgh, UK	Flybe	Economy	80		
	Buncrana, Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	238		Tokyo, Japan	JAL Airline	Business	4334		
	Berlin, Germany	EasyJet	Economy	152		Lyon, France	LastMinute.Com	Economy	176		
	Seattle, USA	British Airways	Economy	1378		Houston, USA	Continental	Economy	440		
	Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	82		Houston, USA	Continental	Economy	440		
	Chamberey, France	Ryanair	Economy	80							
Malvern Hills	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Mansfield	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Melton	Sochaczew, Poland	Wizz Air	Economy	463	463	Sochaczew, Poland	Wizz Air	Economy	390	1,930	9
						Knock, Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	70		
						Knock, Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	1,115		
						Knock, Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	249		
						Knock, Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	107		
Newark and Sherwood	Prague, Czech Republic	EasyJet	Standard	562	562	<i>No Flights</i>					
Newcastle-under-Lyme	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
North East Derbyshire	Frankfurt, Germany	Flybe	-	110	613	Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	-	128	128	10
	Frankfurt, Germany	Flybe	-	137							
	Florence, Italy	Opodo	-	365							
North Kesteven	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
North Warwickshire	<i>No Flights</i>					Dublin, Ireland	Flybe	Standard	92	92	
North West Leicestershire	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Northampton	Toronto, Canada	Expedia	Economy	-	-	Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	Economy	185	185	11
						USA	-	Economy	0		
Northamptonshire	Sweden	EasyJet	-	133	2,765	Netherlands	EasyJet	-	96	1,636	12
	Tunisia	-	-	1,000		Netherlands	EasyJet	-	70		
	France	-	-	141		Edinburgh, UK	Flybe	-	135		
	Washington, USA	-	-	1,200		Belfast, UK	Flybe	-	131		
	Turkey	British Airways	-	291		Netherlands	EasyJet	-	104		
						-	British Airways	-	924		
							Belfast, UK	Ryanair	-		
					Bremen, Germany	-	-	93			
Nottingham	Boston, USA	-	-	£4,317	13,324	Shanghai, China	-	-	683.2	4,067	13
	-	-	-	£32.46		Vilnius, Latvia	-	-	96.92		
	Karlsruhe, Germany	-	-	Not provided		Timisoara, Romania	-	-	194.98		
	Timisoara, Romania	-	-	£59.98		Lingkoping, Sweden	-	-	291.36		
	Frankfurt, Germany	-	-	£618.30		Shanghai, China	-	-	1975.66		
	Karlsruhe, Germany	-	-	132		Amsterdam, Netherlands	-	-	218.98		
	Dortmund, Germany	-	-	£247.92		Timisoara, Romania	-	-	194.98		
	Minsk, Belarus	-	-	337.84		Shanghai, China	-	-	410.49		

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	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	Brussels, Belgium	-	-	Not provided							
	Krasnador, Russia	-	-	384.95							
	Ningbo/Chongqing, China	-	-	698.51							
	Timisoara, Romania	-	-	179.94							
	Zaragoza, Spain	-	-	246.2							
	Stockholm, Sweden	-	-	570							
	Timisoara, Romania	-	-	765.4							
	Minsk, Belarus	-	-	509.5							
	Barcelona, Spain	-	-	£46.58							
	Krasnador, Russia	-	-	479.2							
	Tallin, Estonia	-	-	330.8							
	Finland	-	-	259.78							
	Macedonia	-	-	417.7							
	Stockholm, Sweden	-	-	512.56							
	Timisoara, Romania	-	-	413.48							
	Zaragoza, Spain	-	-	£123.10							
	Stockholm, Sweden	-	-	180.6							

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	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	Stockholm, Sweden	-	-	£208.80							
	Barcelona, Spain	-	-	88.2							
	Krasnodar, Russia	-	-	478							
	Karlsruhe, Germany	-	-	160.46							
	Minsk, Belarus	-	-	226							
	Munich, Germany	-	-	298.6							
Nottinghamshire	Edinburgh, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	174	8,712	Belfast, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	201	8,102	14
	Edinburgh, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	363		Belfast, UK	Ryanair	Economy	87		
	Glasgow, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	625		Belfast, UK	Flybe	Economy	176		
	Belfast, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	104		East Midlands, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	72		
	Aberdeen, UK	Eastern Airways	Economy	497		Aberdeen, UK	Eastern Airways	Economy	177		
	Aberdeen, UK	Eastern Airways	Economy	494		Belfast, UK	BMI Baby/Flybe	Economy	249		
	Edinburgh, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	106		Aberdeen, UK	Eastern Airways	Economy	259		
	Edinburgh, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	195		East Midlands, UK	Eastern Airways	Economy	522		
	Edinburgh, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	882		Dublin, Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	210		
	Glasgow, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	144		East Midlands, UK	Aer Lingus	Economy	80		
	Edinburgh, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	128		Birmingham, UK	Aer Lingus	Economy	727		
	Glasgow, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	71		Lyon, France	Air France	Economy	214		

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	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	Madrid, Spain	EasyJet	Economy	0		Munich, Germany	EasyJet	Economy	73		
	Taiwan	Cathay Pacific	Economy	0		East Midlands, UK	Ryanair	Economy	251		
	Dusseldorf, Germany	Ryanair	Economy	103		Tirana, Albania	Albanian Airlines	Economy	912		
	Munich, Germany	EasyJet	Economy	71		Katowice, Poland	Ryanair	Economy	254		
	Gdansk, Poland	RyanAir/WizzAir	Economy	1,400		Katowice, Poland	Ryanair	Economy	274		
	Barcelona, Spain	EasyJet	Economy	562		Gramsh, Albania	British Airways	Economy	2,842		
	Munich, Germany	EasyJet	Economy	71		Katowice, Poland	Ryanair	Economy	309		
	Dublin, Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	307		Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	129		
	Stansted, UK	Ryanair	Economy	1,380		Warsaw, Poland	WizzAir	Economy	84		
	Dublin, Ireland	Aer Lingus	Economy	895							
	Stansted, UK	Ryanair	Economy	141							
Nuneaton and Bedworth	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Oadby and Wigston	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Redditch	<i>No Flights</i>					Brussels, Belgium	Opodo	Premium economy	902	902	
Rugby	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Rushcliffe	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Rutland	Krakow, Poland	Unknown	-	520	10,888	<i>No Flights</i>					15
	Accra, Ghana	KLM	-	10,368							
Sandwell	Berlin, Germany	Unknown	Standard	544	544	Milan Malpensa, Italy	Flybe	Standard	238	2,473	

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
						Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	Standard	277		
						Belfast, UK	Flybe	Standard	552		
						Krakow, Poland	Ryanair	Standard	450		
						Paris, France	Flybe	Standard	544		
						Prague, Czech Republic	Lufthansa	Standard	277		
						London, UK	Aer Lingus	Standard	136		
Shropshire	Ljubljana, Slovenia	EasyJet	Economy	0	2,555	-	Ryanair	Economy	2,308	9,268	
	Portugal	World Choice	Economy	765		-	British Airways	Economy	651		
	Warsaw, Poland	Wizz Air	Economy	426		Sibui, Romania	Smartflying	Economy	0		
	Porto, Portugal	Ryanair	Economy	276		Sibui,Romania	Smartflying	Economy	0		
	Napoca, Romania	Wizz Air	Economy	0		Sibui, Romania	Smartflying	Economy	0		
	Warsaw, Poland	Wizz Air	Economy	528		Sibui, Romania	Smartflying	Economy	0		
	Warsaw, Poland	Wizz Air	Economy	264		Sibui, Romania	Blue Air	Economy	0		
	Liverpool, UK	Wizz Air	Economy	77		Sibui, Romania	Blue Air	Economy	0		
	Athens, Greece	EasyJet	Economy	0		Sibui, Romania	Blue Air	Economy	0		
	Aberdeen, UK	Eastern Airways	Economy	219		Sibui, Romania	Blue Air	Economy	0		
						Sibui, Romania	Smartflying	Economy	0		
						Belfast, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	430		
						Budapest, Hungary	Jet2	Economy	0		
					Bristol, UK	Ryanair	Economy	0			
					Dublin, Ireland	Ryanair	Economy	60			

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
						Bucharest, Romania	Smartflying	Economy	0		
						Bucharest, Romania	Smartflying	Economy	0		
						Cluj-Napoca, Romania	Wizz Air	Economy	0		
						Bucharest, Romania	Smartflying	Economy	0		
						Bucharest, Romania	Blue Air	Economy	0		
						Shannon, Ireland	Aer Lingus	Economy	145		
						Milan, Italy	Flybe	Economy	0		
						Târgu Mureş, Romania	Wizz Air	Economy	0		
						-	British Airways	-	0		
						-	British Airways	-	0		
						-	British Airways	-	0		
						-	British Airways	-	0		
						Prague, Czech Republic	EasyJet	Economy	2,182		
						Prague, Czech Republic	EasyJet	Economy	221		
						Prague, Czech Republic	EasyJet	Economy	198		
						-	Ryanair	Economy	2,308		
						-	Worldwide Flights	-	765		
Solihull	Frankfurt, Germany	Flybe	-	321	321	Cholet, France	Air France	-	690	1,650	
						-	Lufthansa	-	109		
						Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	-	602		
						Frankfurt, Germany	Flybe	-	249		
South Derbyshire	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
South Holland	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
South Kesteven	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
South Northamptonshire	<i>No Flights</i>					Belfast, UK	EasyJet	Economy	229	229	
South Staffordshire	<i>No Flights</i>					Belfast, UK	Flybe	Economy	178	178	
Stafford	Basel, Switzerland	Ryanair	Economy	181	878	<i>No Flights</i>					
	Reus, Spain	Ryanair	Economy	110							
	Frankfurt, Germany	BMI	Economy	587							
Staffordshire	Frankfurt, Germany	Flightline.co.uk	Standard	931	5,217	Brussels, Belgium	SN Brussels	-	1,026	21,134	16
	Sri Lanka	Emirates	Standard	603		Brussels, Belgium	SN Brussels	-	860		
	South Africa	-	-	648		Bremen, Germany	Ryanair	Economy	322		
	Brussels, Belgium	-	Economy	0		Edinburgh, UK	EasyJet	Economy	96		
	Canada	-	Economy	0		Germany	-		119		
	Wroclaw, Poland	Ryanair	Economy	270		Dresden, Germany	Lufthansa		231		
	Maryland, USA	-	Economy	-		Dresden, Germany	Lufthansa		245		
	Limoges, France	RyanAir	Economy	0		Bremen, Germany	KLM		286		
	Wroclaw, Poland	RyanAir	Economy	520		France	-		384		
	Poland	-	Economy	0		Helsinki, Finland	-		502		
	Limoges, France	Ryanair	Economy	238		Bremen, Germany	KLM		655		
	Chemnitz, Germany	Ryanair	Economy	1,500		Belfast, UK	Flybe		1,015		

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	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
	Minneapolis, USA	-	Economy	0		Shanghai, China	Virgin Atlantic		6,506		
	Bremen, Germany	Ryanair	Economy	391		Dresden, Germany	Lufthansa		1,123		
	Prague, Czech Republic	EasyJet	Economy	117		Brussels, Belgium	SN Brussels		572		
						Brussels, Belgium	SN Brussels		547		
						Brussels, Belgium	SN Brussels		544		
						Cairo, Egypt	Air France		2,323		
						-	-		3,273		
						Limoges, France	Ryanair	Economy	240		
						Belfast, UK	Flybe	Economy	266		
	Staffordshire Moorlands	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>				
Stoke-on-Trent	<i>Refused on Section 12. Would exceed limit to provide the information.</i>										
Stratford-on-Avon	Edinburgh, UK	Flybe	Economy	241	627	<i>No Flights</i>					
	Newcastle, UK	Opodo	Economy	386							
Tamworth	Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	Economy	215	424	Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	Economy	747	1,006	
	Paris, France	Air France	Economy	209		Paris, France	Air France	Economy	259		
Telford and Wrekin	Luxembourg	Co-op Travel	Second	260	260	Brussels, Belgium	Co-op Travel	Second	354	1,722	17
						Malta	Co-op Travel	Second	480		
						Milan, Italy	Co-op Travel	Second	169		
						Luxembourg	Co-op Travel	Second	293		
						Brussels	Co-op Travel	Second	426		
Walsall	Dundee, UK	FlyBe	-	410	3,899	Dundee, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	195	6,374	

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note		
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total			
	Bilbao, Spain	EasyJet	-	527		Dundee, UK	FlyBe	-	189				
	London, UK	EasyJet	-	155		Dundee, UK	FlyBe	-	379				
	Milan, Italy	FlyBe	Economy	112		Dundee, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	142				
	Venice, Italy	BMI Baby	Economy	135		Hanover, Germany	Swiss Air	Economy	1,728				
	Liverpool, UK	Ryanair	Economy	86		Paris, France	FlyBe	Economy	122				
	Dundee, UK	FlyBe	-	160		Dundee, UK	FlyBe	-	130				
	Bilbao, Spain	EasyJet	-	244		Dundee, UK	FlyBe	-	142				
	London, UK	EasyJet	-	132		Paris, France	FlyBe	-	243				
	Dundee, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	252		Athens, Greece	Olympic	Economy	202				
	Bilbao, Spain	EasyJet	-	148		Athens, Greece	Olympic	Economy	162				
	Madrid, Spain	EasyJet	-	171		Athens, Greece	Olympic	Economy	541				
	Dundee, UK	FlyBe	-	410		Athens, Greece	Olympic	Economy	675				
	Dundee, UK	FlyBe	-	252		Glasgow, UK	FlyBe	-	197				
	Dundee, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	160		Glasgow, UK	FlyBe	-	197				
	Dundee, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	295		Belfast, UK	FlyBe	Economy	1,130				
	Dundee, UK	BMI Baby	Economy	251									
	Warwick	Berlin, Germany	EasyJet	Standard		155	155	<i>No Flights</i>					
	Warwickshire	Edinburgh, UK	Flybe	Economy		314	3,152	Texas, USA	Dial a flight		Economy	4,389	4,927
USA		Dial a flight	Economy	1,796	Belfast, UK	Flybe		Unknown	140				
Glasgow, UK		Flybe	Economy	287	Edinburgh, UK	Flybe		Unknown	120				
Glasgow, UK		BMI Baby	Economy	99	Belfast, UK	Flybe		Economy	279				
Edinburgh, UK		BMI Baby	Unknown	68									
Brussels, Belgium		Lufthansa	Unknown	493									
Glasgow, UK		BMI Baby	Economy	96									

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
Wellingborough	Wittlich, Germany	Baileys Travel	-	509	2,454	Wittlich, Germany	Baileys Travel	-	567	2,278	
	Wittlich, Germany	Baileys Travel	-	104		Niort, France	Baileys Travel	-	1,323		
	Seefeld, Austria	Baileys Travel	-	178		Sagamarsjen, Norway	Baileys Travel	-	296		
	Czech Republic	Baileys Travel	-	290		Fulda, Germany	Lufthansa	-	93		
	Tel Aviv, Israel	Baileys Travel	-	1,373							
West Lindsey	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Wolverhampton	Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	Economy		530	Dubai, UAE	Emirates	Business		7,175	
	Wroclaw, Poland	Lufthansa	Economy			Bangalore, India	Emirates	Business			
	Frankfurt, Germany	Lufthansa	Economy			Dubai, UAE	Emirates	Business			
	Birmingham, UK	Lufthansa	Economy			Birmingham, UK	Emirates	Business			
	Budapest, Hungary	Jet2	Economy			Dubai, UAE	Emirates	Business			
	Manchester, UK	Jet2	Economy			Bangalore, India	Emirates	Business			
						Dubai, UAE	Emirates	Business			
						Birmingham	Emirates	Business			
						Dubai, UAE	Emirates	Business			
						Bangalore, India	Emirates	Business			
						Dubai, UAE	Emirates	Business			
						Birmingham, UK	Emirates	Business			
Worcester	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					

Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
Worcestershire	Brussels, Belgium	SN Brussels	-	332	2,474	Lisbon, Portugal	Tap Air Portugal	-	387	14,082	
	Limoges, France	Ryanair	-	237		Knock, Ireland	BMI Baby	-	102		
	East Midlands, UK	Ryanair	-	455		Edinburgh, UK	Flybe	-	294		
	Glasgow, UK	Flybe	-	112		Amsterdam, Netherlands	KLM	-	2,651		
	Birmingham, UK	BMI Baby	-	88		Amsterdam, Netherlands	KLM	-	442		
	Alicante, Spain	BMI Baby	-	314		Amsterdam, Netherlands	KLM	-	467		
	Birmingham, UK	Monarch	-	130		Edinburgh, UK	Flybe	-	37		
	Spain	Easyjet	Economy	625		Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-	1,438		
	Birmingham, UK	Monarch	-	180		Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-	1,438		
							Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-		1,917
						Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-	479		
						Stockholm, Sweden	SAS	-	479		
						Birmingham, UK	Lufthansa	-	309		
						Venice, Italy	Ryanair	-	107		
						Glasgow, UK	Flybe	Standard	211		
						Alicante, Spain	Monarch	-	175		
						Lisbon, Portugal	Tap Air Portugal	-	596		
						London, UK	British Airways	-	252		
						Birmingham, UK	Lufthansa	-	891		
						Munich, Germany	Lufthansa	-	152		
					Zurich, Switzerland	-	-	0			



Council	2009-10					2010-11					Note
	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	Destination	Operator	Class	Cost	Total	
						Birmingham, UK	Lufthansa	-	248		
						Frankfurt, Germany	-	-	361		
						Portugal	Co-op Travel	Economy	650		
Wychavon	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Wyre Forest	<i>No Flights</i>					<i>No Flights</i>					
Totals:					151,983					139,083	
Grand Total:										291,066	

Table 3: Notes

No.	Note
1	2010/11 flight to Poland for £8000: cost of flights to the Mini Olympics as well as initial costs – figure not broken down.
2	2009/10 flight to Brussels normally reimbursed by Solace.
3	Cannot provide all information for flights taken – council only disclosed twinning visits.
4	2009/10 flight to Antwerp includes hotel. 2009/10 flight to Frankfurt: this information was in the response from North East Derbyshire. 2009/10 cost of £118: to change someone's details on flight. Included in response from North East Derbyshire.
5	2009/10 flight to Jamaica: paid for by British Council. 2010/11 flight to China: all other costs paid for by British Council. 2010/11 flight to Cannes of £0: costs paid by Marketing Derby.
6	No air travel using the corporate credit card in 2009/10.
7	2009/10 flight to Newcastle for £1601 (1): This is a booking for 12 flights. 2009/10 flight to Newcastle for £1601 (2): This is a booking for 12 flights. 2009/10 flight to Newcastle for £1602: This is a booking for 12 flights. 2009/10 flight to Newcastle for £1582 (1): This is a booking for 12 flights. 2009/10 flight to Newcastle for £1582 (2): This is a booking for 12 flights. 2009/10 flight to Newcastle for £2915: This is a booking for 24 flights. 2009/10 flight to Newcastle for £3178: This is a booking for 24 flights. 2010/11 flight to Newcastle for £1612: This is a booking for 12 flights. 2010/11 flight to Newcastle for £1613: This is a booking for 12 flights. 2010/11 flight to Newcastle for £1593: This is a booking for 12 flights. 2010/11 flight to Newcastle for £1222: This is a booking for 12 flights. 2010/11 flight to Newcastle for £1624: This is a booking for 12 flights.
8	2010/11 flight to Derry: price includes accommodation cost. Purchased as package deal so no split between flight and accommodation.
9	2010/11 flight to Knock for £70: Causeway British/Irish Exchange for young people, funded by British Irish Council grant. 2010/11 flight to Knock for £1115: Causeway British/Irish Exchange for young people, funded by British Irish Council grant. 2010/11 flight to Knock for £249: Causeway British/Irish Exchange for young people, funded by British Irish Council grant. 2010/11 flight to Knock for £107: Causeway British/Irish Exchange for young people, funded by British Irish Council grant.
10	2009/10 flight to Frankfurt for £110: councillor contributed £110. 2009/10 flight to Florence: £71.60 additionally refunded, trip cancelled. 2010/11 flight to Frankfurt: original cost £185.32, tickets cancelled £50, refund £107.32.
11	2009/10 flight to Toronto: funded by grant £1286.78. 2010/11 flight to USA: Paid for by Cybex Fitness.

No.	Note
12	2009/10 flight to Tunisia: cost of whole trip not broken down. 2009/10 flight to Washington: part funded by AIP, Area Team budget and College. 2010/11 flight to the Netherlands (£70): trip part funded by North Sea programme. 2010/11 flight to the Netherlands (£104): part funded by North Sea programme.
13	Some data had to be omitted as it was not clear for some trips what the cost of the individual flight was. Therefore, Nottingham's overall cost of flights is certainly higher.
14	2009/10 flight to Madrid funded by Ecotec. 2009/10 flight to Taiwan reimbursed by British Council. 2010/11 flight to East Midlands for £80: cancelled, part refund received due to volcanic ash cloud. 2010/11 flight to Katowice for £254: cancelled, passenger missed flight.
15	2009/10 flight to Krakow: approximate cost.
16	2009/10 flight to Brussels: funded by the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF). 2009/10 flight to Canada: funded by DCSF. 2009/10 flight to Wroclaw for £270: funded by International Links budget. 2009/10 flight to Maryland: funded by DCSF. 2009/10 flight to Limoges of £0: £199.45 paid for by British Council. 2009/10 flight to Wroclaw: some of the costs met by DCSF study support grant. 2009/10 flight to Limoges for £238: funded by International Links Budget. 2009/10 flight to Chemnitz: funded by £700 EU Comenius grant and £800 from the International Links budget. 2009/10 flight to Minneapolis: funded by DCSF. 2010/11 flight to Brussels for £1026: funded by EU Comenius. 2010/11 flight to Brussels for £860: funded by EU Comenius. 2010/11 flight to Limoges: part funded by British Council.
17	2009/10 and 2010/11 flights: funded by EU bid and not from Telford & Wrekin money.