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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ05239**

Thank you for your request for information relating to litigation between Coventry City Council, Sisu and Others which the Council received on 11 January 2019. Your request has been processed under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You have asked the following:

- **Question 1: Why have you, personally, failed to make application for a civil court CRO in accordance with Section 2 of the Senior Courts Act 1981?**
- **Question 2: Why do you steadfastly refuse to initiate an investigation into the possible fraud, committed by CCFC/SISU (or related companies), relating to the payment, made by Huddersfield Town FC for cancellation of Mark Robins' employment-contract at the end of his first tenure with CCFC? You have already stated that this is not within your own remit – but that is being a bit of a jobsworth isn't it? This last question (in smaller less bold typeface) is purely rhetorical and not a formal question.**
- **Question 3: Are you aware that the EFL would have no choice other than to ban Seppala, and her associates, from owning an EFL-club, if they were ever convicted for fraud?**
- **Question 4: Why didn't you act quickly enough to beat SISU in placing CCFC into administration - thereby giving Coventry City Council the right to appoint an administrator of their own choice?**
- **Question 5: Why have you done absolutely nothing about my correct assertion that the administrator, appointed/chosen by SISU, provided false**

**information to the EFL regarding the question of establishing which company held all of the player's contracts in order to validate ownership of the "Golden Share" (The right to play matches in the EFL)?**

- **Question 6: Are you aware that Seppala will take her appeal to the European Court of Justice if you have failed to obtain a CRO and she fails yet again in an English court?**
- **Question 7: Why would you want to prolong the "War" with SISU when it is in your hands to end this problem now - along with its associated worry and uncertainty for our tax-paying citizens, Sky Blues supporters and our cherished football club?**

Section(1) of the FOIA states, *"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him."*

Also, according to section 1(4) of the FOIA, information under section 1(1) *"is the information in question held at the time when the request is received..."* Furthermore, the ICO expressly states in its guide to Freedom of Information, "If a member of the public asks for information, you [referring to public authorities] only have to provide information you already have in recorded form. You do not have to create new information or find answers to a question from staff who may happen to know"

(<https://ico.org.uk/fororganisations/guide-to-freedom-of-information/what-is-the-foi-act/>).

Please be advised that the FOIA gives a general right of access to all types of recorded information held by public authorities. It is confirmed that the information you have requested is not held in recorded form. We are not required to create new information to respond to a request, or give a judgement or opinion that is not already recorded. Your request is asking for opinions. The opinions requested fall outside the scope of the FOIA because the information is not recorded.

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

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Yours faithfully

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