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Dear Sir/Madam.

Thank you for your request for information relating to Avenue Bowls.

You have requested the following information:

[Part 1] All correspondence between Coventry City Council and the English Indoor Bowls Association regarding the the re-location of the existing indoor bowling to an alternative site, including the specific confirmation as referred to by Councillor Caan that the Avenue Bowls Club is the only realistic option.

[Part 2] All correspondence relating to the 'Alternative site' feasibility report regarding the re-location of the Indoor Bowling to Avenue Bowls Club where Councillor Caan was briefed over a number of weeks along with "political leadership" and "civil officers" in advance of the cabinet meeting for public health and sport enabling him to approve the report to advance to planning.

Correspondees include Cllr Caan, 'Political Leaders' & 'Civil Officers' concerned.

With reference to **Part 1** of your request, please find attached all correspondence between Coventry City Council and the English Indoor Bowls Association regarding the re-location of the existing indoor bowling facility to an alternative site, including the specific confirmation as referred to by Councillor Caan that the Avenue Bowls Club is the only realistic option.

Some of the information in the documentation has been redacted. Section 40(2) of the FOIA states that personal data relating to third parties (i.e. a party other than the person requesting the information) is exempt information if one of the conditions in Section 40(3A-B) or 40(4A) is satisfied.

The information you have requested includes personal information of employees of Coventry City Council and third parties. The disclosure of this information would breach one or more of the Data Protection Principles in the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). For example, disclosure would breach the first data protection principle. This is because it would be unfair to disclose such personal data where the staff members and others concerned have no expectation that their names would be released in the context of the information held.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption not subject to the Public Interest Test.

With reference to **Part 2** of your request, the Council confirms that no information is held. Under the Council's duty to advise and assist at s16, the Council would advise that Councillor Caan was briefed in detail informally by officers on the report in relation to the 'Alternative site' feasibility report in the weeks leading up to the Cabinet Member meeting, however there are no minutes or agenda available for these meetings.

Councillor Caan also received the detailed full report and formally signed off the report well in advance of the Cabinet Member meeting, a copy of which is attached for your ease of reference.

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Yours sincerely

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