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Dear Sir/Madam.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ04946

Thank you for your request for information relating to School and Academy spending. We sincerely apologise for the delay in replying to your request.

Your request is outlined below:

For the financial year 2016-17, please provide the following information.

1. The total amount charged to schools for the LA's costs of all categories of academy conversion (and the number of conversions).

Total cost was £6,750 per school. There were 5 academy conversions during 2016/2017 Financial Year

2. The estimated total cost of LA officer time and externally-commissioned advisers working on all categories of school conversions to academies.

In January 2016 it was agreed by Cabinet Member decision that Coventry City Council would charge newly converted Academies £6,750 each towards the Council's costs associated with the academy transfer process.

The charge was calculated based on the costed average amount of officer time spent completing conversion work, in the following areas:

- Legal and Property
- Finance
- Employment and HR
- Project Management

3. For schools required to convert to sponsored academy status through intervention, the gross total of
a. deficits written off
b. surpluses retained.

None of the schools that converted in 2016/17 were required to convert to sponsored academy status through intervention.

4. The amount of Basic Need funding spent on academies.

£29,326.

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Yours faithfully

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