

## **Information Governance**

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Please contact Information Governance Direct line 024 7697 5408 infogov@coventry.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ05950

Thank you for your request for information relating to the upkeep of empty sites.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

## Please could you provide the following detail:

- 1. A list/addresses of council properties/land that have been empty in the last three financial years (i.e former schools, council offices and other commercial properties).
- 2. Upkeep costs (such as managing security, maintenance and renovation costs etc) for each site for the last three financial years.

We hold the information which you have asked for but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held.

We estimate that as it would take 2 officers 3 weeks to determine if the information is held, locating, retrieving, compiling it, your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

Alternatively it may be possible that you could narrow down the scope of your request, for example, by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or periods of time relevant to the information required.

Alternatively, you may want to look at the information we already publish to see if what you are looking for is already available via the Council's FOI/EIR <u>Disclosure Log</u>; <u>Publication Scheme</u>; <u>Facts about Coventry</u> or <u>Open Data</u>.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: <a href="mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk">infogov@coventry.gov.uk</a>

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 <a href="mailto:casework@ico.org.uk">casework@ico.org.uk</a>.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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