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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: REQ06710**

Thank you for your request for information relating to 'Chief Executive or Deputy Chief Executive place attending Ricoh Arena events'.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

- 1. Between Jan 2015 - Dec 2019 which specific events did the council's Chief Executive or the Deputy Chief Executive (Place) attend at the Ricoh Arena?**
- 2. For how many of these specific events was the attendance paid for by the Council and what was the total cost per event?**
- 3. For how many of these specific events were tickets/attendance gifted to the chief executive or the deputy chief executive, by whom were they gifted and what was the total commercial value per event?**
- 4. How many of the events involved more than one ticket being paid for by the council or gifted to the chief executive or deputy chief executive and what were the events?**
- 5. If more than one ticket was bought for, or gifted to the chief executive or deputy chief executive, for whom were the additional tickets for? (e.g. colleague, business associate, spouse, partner etc).**

In response to Questions 1,3 ,4 to 5, we can confirm that we hold information on gifted tickets and this is accessible to you by viewing planned and past agendas of the Ethics Committee, via the Council's website on the following link:-

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=161>

The Ethics Committee review declarations of gifts and hospitality every 6 months and they are published as part of the Ethics Committee agendas. The register, if applicable will cover anything gifted including events and any additional tickets for partners.

We therefore do not have to provide the information as per Section 21 of the FOIA.

For other non-gifted events at the Ricoh, attended by the Chief and Deputy Chief Executive, we can confirm that we do not hold this information prior to 2018 and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because we can only access archive calendars from 2018 onwards via our systems.

Data from 2018 is provided as below:

### Chief Executive

13/06/18	Coventry & Warwickshire Champions	Free to attend Networking event
13/06/18	Coventry & Warwickshire Place Board Workshop	Free to attend as member of Coventry & Warwickshire Place Board
23/05/19	Built Environment Networking: Midlands Development Conference	No charge - guest speaker on Panel
11/09/19	City Fibre Stakeholder Event "Tomorrow's Technology in Coventry Today"	No charge - guest speaker
08/10/19	Vodafone 5G Lounge Opening	No charge – guest speaker
02/11/19	Wasps -v- Bath	Provided by Wasps

### Deputy Chief Executive

None.

In response to question 2, we can advise that for these specific events, no attendance was paid for by the Council.

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Yours faithfully

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