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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Environmental Information Regulation 2004 (EIR)
Request ID: REQ07117**

Thank you for your request for information relating to carbon offsets.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. Documents that outline the council's carbon strategy, including any strategy for using carbon offsets to meet carbon targets.

The Council is very committed to tackling all aspects of Climate Change and the current Climate Change Strategy can be found at https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/1640/climate_change_strategy_for_coventry.

A list of some of the major projects addressing Climate Change in the City can be found using the following link:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/65/home_energy_and_warmth/177/tackling_climate_change/3.

Coventry is currently in development of a new, more ambitious and inclusive Climate Change Strategy which will build upon the great work that is currently happening throughout the City. However, there is currently no adopted strategy for carbon offsets.

The Local Plan provides a policy basis for combatting climate change through the planning process and was adopted in December 2017. It is not however a specific strategy for carbon offsets. the local plan can be viewed here -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/25899/final_local_plan_december_2017.

2. Details of all projects that carbon offset payments have been made towards by the council since 2015, including who is running those projects, what is being done with the money in the projects, the value of payments made by the council,

and over what period money is to be paid.

3. Details of any offset fund that has been established by the local planning authority to meet carbon targets for building developments. Including: what the offsetting projects in the fund are and who is running them; how you determine offset carbon savings in projects match the carbon emitted in the development; and how it is determined whether offsetting projects are additional to projects that might already exist.

4. A list of the major developments in the area under the council's jurisdiction since 2015 that have involved the purchase of carbon offsets in order to meet the council's climate targets, whether from offset funds or individual offsetting projects. Please include developments still in the planning stages where the purchase is only anticipated.

5. Details of the environmental strategy for the developments covered by part 4, including whether money is being paid to a council offsetting fund or to individual offsetting projects, how much is being paid and how that price has been determined, and what the projects are/who runs them if they are separate to a council offsetting fund.

In response to question 2 to 5, we are not aware of any such projects or proposals that are of relevance to this request.

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Yours faithfully

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