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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07964**

Thank you for your request for information on Council greenery spending.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

Please could you provide the following data points on council spending on green spaces:

- 1. Amount spent on decoration of green spaces, broken down by the following costs; trees, flowers, bedding, bulbs, shrubs, plants, plant pots and hanging baskets**
- 2. Amount spent on green space maintenance, i.e. salary costs for groundskeepers, machinery and equipment maintenance etc.**

Please could you provide the data broken down separately over the following years:

- a. 2019**
- b. 2020**
- c. 2021 (forecasted budget for 2021 but total spend in 2020, 2019)**

We confirm that 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, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

In order to provide the information in this part of your request, we have estimated it would take two officers approximately 222 hours to search the databases for each year to determine collate the information. This is because reports would need to be generated for various teams, where all costs would need to be checked for each requested year.

Your request has therefore been refused under Section 12(2) of the Act.

To assist you further, we can confirm that the total spend on the upkeep and maintenance of green spaces/areas on reactive maintenance in 2019, was £172,549.

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Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the Council's web site and in particular its FOI/EIR Disclosure log, Council's Publication Scheme, Open Data and Facts about Coventry.

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: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

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 casework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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