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Dear Madam,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07992**

Thank you for your request for information relating to

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. The number of prosecutions for dropping litter by the council, and the outcomes of those prosecutions, in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

In response, please see table below:

	Case Withdrawn	Convicted	Court Order Granted	Total
2016	0	4	0	4
2017	3	32	2	37
2018	0	1	0	1
2019	1	3	0	4
2020	0	0	0	0

2. The number of fixed penalty notices issued for dropping litter by the council and/or private contractors employed by the council in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

We can confirm that we hold this information and it is accessible to you via the Council's website on the following link:-

Environmental services section of the open data page on the Web Pages
https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/145/websites_and_social_media/650/open_data

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

3. The number of fixed penalty notices for littering which were paid, unpaid or cancelled (and/or other relevant statuses) at the end of each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020)?

In response, please see table below:

	Paid	Not Paid	Warning Given	Cancelled after investigation	Grand Total
2016	28	1	1		30
2017	36	5	1		42
2018	28	0	0		28
2019	38	3	1		42
2020	30	0	0	2	32

4. The amount of money collected from these fixed penalty notices for littering in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

5. The number of prosecutions brought for non-payment of the FPNs for littering in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020)?

In response to questions 4 and 5, we can advise 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.

As the information is not held in a reportable format, we estimate that it would take 2 officers 3 weeks to determine if the information is held and to locate, retrieve and compile it. Your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

6. The annual expenditure by the council on littering enforcement in each of the previous five calendar years (i.e. 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020).

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because the information is not held on our systems. The Neighbourhood Enforcement Officer role involves many more duties than just littering fines (such as response, hot streets, dog fouling, ABV's and alleyway clearances). There is no set time a week to patrol for fines.

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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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