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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Climate Change and Net Zero.

You have requested the following information:

To support my research, 'Planning for net zero - what role does spatial planning play in the delivery of sustainable development with respect to net zero, 'I would be grateful if you could provide me with the following information;

1. Have you declared a climate emergency? Y/N

Coventry City Council has not declared a climate emergency. We have however recognised that there is a climate emergency and have had a Climate Strategy in place since 2012 to address it.

The Council is now currently in development of a new, more ambitious and inclusive Climate Change Strategy which will build upon the great work that is currently happening but will also work for the whole City. 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.

We are not required to disclose the information as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2a. Do you have an action plan or strategy (or equivalent) related to net zero goals? Y/N

Yes.

2b. If yes, is 'Spatial Planning' featured within the action plan/strategy? Y/N

Yes.

3a. Does your 'Local Plan' reflect net zero targets? Y/N

No.

3b. if yes to what year?

Not applicable.

3c. If no, does your 'Local Plan Review' plan to include net zero? Y/N

Plan Review not advanced enough to know.

4a. Do you have an in-house sustainability (or equivalent) officer/s supporting local planning policy, if yes, the number of officers?

Yes

4b. Who is the key contact at your council?

Bret Willers, Head of Climate Change & Sustainability.
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5a. What tools do your planners use to support climate planning policy and delivery in your authority?

Climate Change & Sustainability officers provide advice on applications and policy formulation.

5b. Do your planning officers receive climate literacy training or equivalent? Y/N

All training is on an ad hoc basis and as training needs require.

5c. Do you use climate change mitigation as a material consideration in balancing planning applications? Y/N

Yes.

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