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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI405502365**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Council Carbon Reduction Strategy.

You have requested the following information:

**In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would be most grateful if you can provide me with the following information in relation to the Council's carbon reduction strategy**

**1. How much CO<sub>2</sub>e does the Council produce under Scopes 1, 2 and 3?**

We have produced approximately 16,332 tCO<sub>2</sub>e during the years 2020-2021.

**2. How often does the Council calculate your Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions?**

We calculate our Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions on an annual basis.

**3. Which of the Council's activities are included in your Scope 3 emissions calculations?**

Following careful consideration, the information you requested for Question 3 falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following link:

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

#### **4. What is the estimated financial budget to meet your Net Zero/Carbon Neutral target?**

We do not have a specific budget assigned to meet the 2050 Net Zero target. Improvements must be made using successful bids for grant funding or through normal property maintenance budgets.

#### **5. How much has been spent to date in reaching your Net Zero/Carbon Neutral target?**

#### **6. How are you financing this investment?**

In response to Questions 5 and 6, we can advise:

For the current fiscal years 2021-2022 in terms of the Council's biggest initiatives, the following projects apply:

- Property Carbon Reduction
- 400+ EV chargers, the most of any UK City outside London
- Development of the first 'Very Light Rail System' in the UK which will be battery operated using rapid charging solutions
- 4 new cycle routes which are being developed in and around the city
- Future of battery technology will be developed at the first UK Battery Industrialisation Centre
- All buses to be electric in Coventry by 2025

In terms of expenditure, projects relating to green issues are being undertaken through multiple service area Council projects. We can provide the following information by specific service area.

Please see below our current budgets for Carbon Reduction Projects (please note this does not include any budgets spent on other projects that could be considered as carbon reduction efforts, e.g., EV charging infrastructure, tree planting, green business grants, fleet replacements etc.).

Property Carbon Reduction Expenditure and Budget:

- 2019-2020 - £40,000
- 2020-2021 - £150,000
- 2021-2022 - £9.5 million

Please note the above was primarily from EU and BEIS funding programmes although some improvements were undertaken as part of normal property maintenance budgets.

In respect of EV Infrastructure, the funding is received by the Council. So far, Coventry City Council has received:

- £1.2 million in 2017 for ULEV Taxi Infrastructure project
- £300,000 in 2018 for ORCS Phase 1
- £258,000 in 2019 for ORCS Phase 2
- £2.55 million in 2019 for ULEB (100 electric buses)
- £792,000 in 2020 for ORCS Phases 3 and 4

The Council has spent all the above funding by each following year.

With regards to the Council's ERDF Green Business Programme, we refer you to the attached table. This programme is both capital and venue which both public and private ERDF funding match.

The table breaks down all funding streams and works on a calendar year January-December. The funding ends in June 2023. This includes the actuals for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 which has both the actuals so far and the forecast. 2022 and 2023 (to June only) has the forecast for the programme.

In terms of fleet management and key schemes aimed at carbon reduction, the Council's expenditure on EVs annually over the past four years is shown below:

- 2019-2020 – Nil
- 2020 – 2021 £1,090,000
- 2021 – 2022 - £1,034,000 (with a plan to spend another £170,000)

Please note fleet management have not earmarked a budget for 2022 or 2023 directly for EV's yet.

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

Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

## ERDF Green Business Programme

REVENUE						
Calendar year Jan-Dec	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Actual & Forecast)	2022 (Forecast)	2023 (forecast till June)
TOTAL REVENUE CLAIM	£ 403,521.84	£ 451,515.85	£ 435,844.92	£ 529,423.05	£ 531,900.71	£ 270,116.38
Revenue Private Match (SME)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 18,750.00	£ 12,930.00	£ 6,051.57
Revenue Public Match (COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL)	£ 103,000.80	£ 118,151.50	£ 129,601.53	£ 180,341.54	£ 155,007.70	£ 75,456.22
TOTAL ERDF FUNDING	£ 295,520.96	£ 335,364.29	£ 306,243.39	£ 350,331.51	£ 363,962.91	£ 194,569.57

CAPITAL						
Calendar year Jan-Dec	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Actual & Forecast)	2022 (Forecast)	2023 (forecast till June)
TOTAL CAPITAL CLAIM	£ 3,979,221.53	£ 1,373,548.91	£ 541,348.76	£ 1,879,752.88	£ 1,383,450.00	£ 536,101.65
Revenue Private Match (SME)	£ 2,664,496.58	£ 824,129.75	£ 324,808.07	£ 1,127,852.00	£ 830,070.00	£ 321,660.59
Revenue Public Match (COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
TOTAL ERDF FUNDING	£ 1,314,725.95	£ 549,419.16	£ 216,538.69	£ 751,900.88	£ 553,380.00	£ 214,441.06