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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI410301276**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Tom Whites.

You have requested the following information:

1. Does Coventry City Council (CCC) own Tom Whites?

We confirm Coventry City Council currently owns Tom White Waste Limited. The ownership of this company has been under the control of Coventry Municipal Holdings Limited since 5th November 2021, which is owned by Coventry City Council.

2. What percentage of the company does CCC own?

Coventry City Council (via Coventry Municipal Holdings Limited) owns 100% of the shareholding within Tom White Waste Limited.

3. When did CCC take ownership/ a percentage of Tom Whites?

The Council acquired Tom White Waste Limited on 5th March 2020.

4. Which officer of the council originally suggested taking control or a percentage of Tom Whites?

The decision to acquire Tom White Waste Limited was not a decision which was capable of being taken under delegated powers afforded to officers. The decision to acquire Tom White Waste Limited represented a Key Decision and in accordance with the Council's Constitution, was taken by the Cabinet and Full Council on 25th February 2020. A copy of the public report for reference

(acquisition of a commercial asset) is accessible via the below link.

<https://internaldemocraticservices.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s46623/Acquisition%20of%20a%20Cc%20PUBLIC.pdf>

5. Did CCC undertake any investigations into the current or past association of the officer suggesting that CCC take control of or a percentage of the company?

Please refer to our response to Question 4 above in relation to the decision-making process. On this basis, no such investigation was contemplated or deemed necessary.

6. How much did CCC pay for their control or percentage of Tom Whites?

The acquisition cost paid by Coventry City Council for 100% of the shareholding within Tom White Waste Limited was £14,637,000.

7. Why did CCC enter into control of or a percentage of Tom Whites?

In response to Question 7, we refer you to the public report which is accessible via the link provided in response to Question 4. This report sets out the basis for the recommendations made to the Cabinet and Full Council.

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Yours faithfully

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