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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI425883264**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Funding shortfall.

You have requested the following information:

**Despite routinely carrying out important and vital work to support their communities, local councils are facing significant funding challenges. We are carrying out a Freedom of Information request to try and ascertain the scale of the funding challenge that local councils are facing in the medium-term future. Please can you answer the following questions:**

**1. What is your current predicted funding gap by the end of the financial year 2023/24?**

£17m.

**2. What is your current predicted cumulative funding gap by the end of the financial year 2024/25?**

£21m.

**3. Has your council estimated the costs of reaching net zero greenhouse gas emissions?  
Yes / No / Don't know**

**4. How much does your council estimate reaching net zero will cost? (Please state amount and any associated timescale) £ \_\_\_\_\_**

## **5. Can your council access enough funding to be able to deliver your emission reduction ambitions? Yes / No / Don't Know**

For Questions 3 to 5, Coventry City Council is working with Professor Andy Gouldson, co-lead of the ESRC Place-based Climate Action Network and have commissioned a Net Zero route map for Coventry enabling us to benchmark against other cities such as Glasgow, Edinburgh, Belfast, Swansea and Leeds.

We anticipate the route map will outline the pathways, costs and available options for net zero. We have received the first draft of the Net Zero route map and are working through the data before it is published and circulated wider. We aim to publish the Net Zero route map later in Summer 2022.

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Yours faithfully

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