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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI444540991**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Planning Department.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How much has the council received in planning application fees in total for each of the last five financial years (2017/18 to 2021/22).**
- 2. Can you provide the planning department budget for each of those years, and how much the department actually spent?**
- 3. Can you provide the three figures in a spread sheet under headings: planning fee income, budget, actual spend (see attached for example).**

In response to Questions 1 to 3 above, 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, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The information is not held in an existing reportable format and therefore will involve a manual trawl of data to analyse and collate. Furthermore, due changes in internal departmental structure and changes made to the allocation of budgets between various areas, we are unable to distinguish the budget solely for our Planning Department.. Hence, in order to answer your request we have estimated that it will exceed 18 hours to locate and collate the requested information. This part of

your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

**4. Over the same period, can you provide a list of roles within the planning department and the month/year they became vacant, and how many months each role was vacant for?**

We confirm we do not record this information and therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This information is not held on our system.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

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](mailto: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 [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

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