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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: FOI450120647**

Thank you for your request for information relating to annual spend on Christmas lights and decor.

You have requested the following information:

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information which relates to your spending on Christmas/festive season lights and decorations for public spaces in your jurisdiction.**

**Please may you provide me with data on:**

- 1. The total amount of money that the Local Authority plans to spend on Christmas lights in 2022, and how much was spent in 2021, 2020, 2019.**
- 2. The total amount of money that the Local Authority plans to spend on Christmas decorations in 2022, and how much was spent in 2021, 2020, 2019.**

In response to Questions 1 and 2, we are unable to provide a response in the format that it has been requested, however we can provide the budget for lights and decorations, split by City Centre spend and Urban Area spend as shown below:

City Centre decorations: £172,000

Urban Areas (residential/outer city centre): £45,000

Remaining costs: £18,000 which are a mixture of storage and insurance costs, management fees, and others.

For 2021, the cost was £243,822. This year included the purchase of new decorations for both existing and new urban areas and were used for other festivities (such as Eid and Diwali). We also invested in new decorations within the city centre and expanded our offering. It also included upgrade of the aging infrastructure.

The costs below were purely for Christmas decorations in the city centre. These also exclude monies or decorations funded by external organisations such as Coventry City of Culture Trust and Coventry Business Improvement District:

2017: £63,170

2018: £54,359

2019: £44,534

2020: £65,909

### **3. The cost of energy used to run Christmas lights in 2021**

We are unable to answer this question as costs have yet to be billed due to circumstances out of our control. However, we estimate the cost at £855.

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Yours faithfully

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