



Information Governance Team

Postal Address:
Coventry City Council
PO Box 15
Council House
Coventry
CV1 5RR

www.coventry.gov.uk

E-mail: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

Phone: 024 7697 5408

07 November 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI459765659

Thank you for your request for information relating to Christmas Lights.

You have requested the following information:

1. As separate figures, the anticipated cost of Christmas lights, Christmas trees and other Christmas decorations for the Christmas period starting this year.

We do not hold this information in the way that it has been requested. We can however split these by City Centre spend and Urban Area spend:

City Centre decorations: £172,000

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

Remaining costs (£18,000) are a mixture of storage and insurance costs, management fees, and other.

2. Please also provide the actual cost of Christmas lights, trees and other decorations for each annual Christmas period from 2018 up until the most recent date available.

2021: £243,822, this year included 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 the upgrade of 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 BID.

2018: £54,359
2019: £44,534
2020: £65,909

3. Anticipated energy consumption for Christmas lights for the Christmas period starting this year, as well as actual consumption for each Christmas period from 2018 up until the most recent date available.

2018: We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This data is not held.

2019 - 9,972.2kWh
2020 – 14,738.7kWh
2021 – 36,728.3kWh
2022 – 36,728.3kWh

4. The daily schedule for Christmas light activity, for this Christmas period and for each annual Christmas period from 2018 up until the most recent date available.

Where timers are available, urban areas are programmed for 16:00 to 22:00 and City Centre 16:00 to 23:00.

5. Will you or have you cancelled any switch-on events this year? If yes, please provide the reason(s) for cancellation.

No.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

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

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.

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

Yours faithfully

Information Governance