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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI498813854**

Thank you for your request for information relating to swimming pools.

You have requested the following information:

**This FOI request arises out of a report that a washing-machine-sized data centre is being used to heat a Devon public swimming pool. I understand the Exmouth pool uses ~222,000 kWh of gas to heat the pool a year. Deep Green provides ~139,284kWh a year of heat for free from its data centre. This equates to 62% of the heating needs of the pool. This translates to a cost saving of £20,391 a year for the pool and a carbon saving of 25.8 tonnes**

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-64939558>

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/news/2023/03/exmouth-swimming-pool-is-heated-by-a-uk-first-in-technology-heating-solutions/>

**Please advise:**

**1. Whether you use similar technology in any swimming pools you own, fund or manage and if so any estimates you have of annual financial and carbon savings as a result.**

We can confirm Coventry City Council do not use any similar technology.

**2. Whether you have any plans to use similar technology in any swimming pools you own, fund or manage and if so any estimates you have of annual financial and carbon savings you expect to achieve as a result.**

While energy, cost and carbon reduction remain priorities for Coventry City Council we have no immediate plans to use similar technology. We continue to remain open to all new and established technologies that can assist with our wider commitments to Net Zero.

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Yours faithfully

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