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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to Council vegan catering options.

You have requested the following information:

1. With regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty, does your decision-making regarding the provision of food take into account the fact that veganism is a protected characteristic for the purpose of the Equality Act 2010? Yes/No

Please note the responses provided below, are based on usage of our care homes who are the only units using our food supply contracts. Any schools within the Coventry City Council boundaries using catering services are accessed through Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. As such, our food supply contracts are of relatively low value.

We have in place a range of food supply contracts which allow Coventry City Council to cater for our diverse customer bases' dietary requirements.

2. How many vegan hot and cold meal options do you offer:

a. In your own local authority canteen every day (if you have one)? 0, 1, 2, 3 or more. Please also express this as a proportion of the overall number of options offered.

We do not have local authority canteens.

b. In external events catering (if applicable)? Eg: 0, 1, 2, 3 or more. Please also express this

as a proportion of the overall number of options offered.

We do not supply catering for external events

Our largest event is Godiva festival. Out of the 29 current food vendors for Godiva 14 will be offering Vegan offers. Amongst the food vendors a variety of dietary needs are offered including gluten free, vegetarian as well as Vegan.

We are unable to provide information on other events as different organisers provide catering depending on their audience and others rely on the units and businesses that are in the city centre, i.e. events in Broadgate.

3. Is a requirement for providing vegan hot and cold meal options included within the catering procurement contracts you issue for other catering provision for which you are responsible including schools, leisure centres, care homes, libraries, and any other public buildings? Yes/No

The food supply contracts we have in place allow us to purchase a range of meals and ingredients to meet our clients' needs.

4. Has your organisation taken any action to reduce meat and dairy consumption in order to meet environmental goals?

If yes, please detail what actions have been taken, e.g. 100% or 50% plant-based food options offered.

If no, do you have ambitions to take action in this area, eg through setting meat reduction targets? Yes/no, if yes please detail what ambitions you have set out.

Our purchasing is guided by our clients' needs, ensuring their dietary requirements are met.

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Yours faithfully

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