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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI508688264

Thank you for your request for information relating to Twinning agreements between UK and Chinese cities.

You have requested the following information:

We are writing to make a Freedom of Information request for copies of all twinning agreements between UK and Chinese cities. Specifically, we would like to request the following information:

1. All twinning agreements signed between UK local government bodies and Chinese cities, including the date of the agreement, the names of the UK local government bodies and Chinese cities involved, and any details about the nature of the twinning relationship.

Coventry entered into a twinning relationship with Jinan in China in the Autumn of 1983. Information about the relationship is available on the Council's website at:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory-record/49241/jinan-china>

We therefore are not required to disclose the information as per Section 21 of the Act.

The Council does not hold information about any agreements made between other local government bodies in the UK and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

2. Any documents or correspondence related to the twinning agreements, including emails,

letters, memorandums, and other relevant materials deemed to be in scope of this request.

Coventry's decision to enter into the twinning agreement with Jinan as highlighted above would have been subject to a formal decision of the City Council. Agendas, reports and minutes from meetings that took place in the 1980's are lodged with Coventry Archives at the Herbert Art Gallery and Museum. Information about how to access the records is available online at:

<https://www.theherbert.org/history-centre/our-services.aspx>

We therefore are not required to disclose the information as per Section 21 of the Act.

3. Any reports or assessments conducted by UK government bodies regarding the twinning agreements, including any assessments of the benefits or risks associated with the agreements.

Coventry has not completed any reports.

4. Any details about the financial or material support provided by UK government bodies to support the twinning agreements, including any grants or other forms of financial assistance

Coventry has not received any financial support, grants or assistance.

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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

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