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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI556490615**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Christmas lights turn on costs for celebrities.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. The amount spent by the council on celebrities to turn on Christmas lights in 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.**
- 2. The name of any celebrity who turned on Christmas lights for the council in 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and 2022-2023.**

For Questions 1 and 2, we have not spent any money on celebrities to turn on Christmas Lights for the periods mentioned.

The Lord Mayor and 'Santa' have switched the Christmas lights on in Coventry for the above years.

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Yours faithfully

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