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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)/
Request ID: FOI553835069**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Information on Council Spend on the Labour Party and Conservative Party Conferences 2023.

You have requested the following information:

1. How much did Coventry City Council spend at the Labour Party Conference in 2023?

The Council did not incur any costs

2. How much did Coventry City Council spend at the Conservative Party Conference in 2023?

The Council did not incur any costs

3. Did Coventry City Council pay for any elected members, and/or officers to attend either conference in 2023?

The Council did not pay for any elected members or officers to attend either conference

4. Did any elected member or officer use the civic car to travel to either party conference in 2023?

The civic car was used once to transport one elected Member to speak at one of the conferences, accompanied by one officer, as part of the Council delegation

Please find below some further information by way of context to help with your enquiry.

As all elected politicians are members of political parties, they make their own arrangements for

attending their party's events and conferences so there is zero cost to the Council.

Coventry City Council attended both main party conferences in order to raise the profile of Coventry, meet with current and potential investors in the city, as well as representatives of government and business. This is part of the Council's wider efforts to secure more investment in Coventry and deliver more good jobs and opportunities for local people. This has proven to be very successful in the past - the event at the Labour party conference coincided with a positive announcement about plans a gigafactory in Coventry. The Council was also able to lobby government ministers and representatives about some of our financial challenges and encourage them to work with us to secure a fairer funding settlement for Coventry.

Co-hosted events at both party conferences, including travel and budget accommodation for officers who attended were funded through a mixture of sponsorship and by partners.

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Yours faithfully

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