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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI581285704

Thank you for your request for information relating to Monitoring Officer and Director of Children's Services.

You have requested the following information:

Clarification:

For 1-2 I can clarify I mean the position they held immediately before becoming monitoring officer, I do not require a full history. If it was an external appointment a statement to that effect would be sufficient.

For 3-4 I can clarify I specifically refer to reports made after 1/1/19.

For 6 I can clarify that the Lead Member for Children's Services is a statutory function [for an elected member to be appointed to] when the authority delivers children's services.

1. The name of each Monitoring Officer for the Authority since 1.1.2019. Kindly also provide the dates they were in post and any other roles they held within the Authority (before, during and after).

Julie Newman to current.

Prior to taking up role: Head of Legal Services.

During role: Head of Legal Services and Director of Law and Governance (current)

2. The name of each Deputy Monitoring Officer for the Authority since 1.1.2019. Kindly also

provide the dates they were in post and any other roles they held within the Authority (before, during and after).

Oluremi Aremu to current.

Prior to taking up role: Head of Legal Services.

During role: Head of Legal Services and Head of Legal and Procurement Services.

Adrian West to current.

Prior to taking up role: Members and Elections Team Manager.

During role: Members and Elections Team Manager and Head of Governance

3. Please provide the date of every report made by the Monitoring Officer under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

No reports made, however, please note that two reports have been made under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 1974 which requires local authorities to consider reports of maladministration from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman.

The requested information falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Council website, please use the following links:

See item 21:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MID=12828#AI36225>

See item 41:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=130&MId=12234&Ver=4>

4. Please provide a copy of each report made by the Monitoring Officer under Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

See answer to Question 3.

5. The name of each Director of Children's Services for the Authority since 1.1.2019. Kindly also provide the dates they were in post and any other roles they held within the Authority (before, during and after).

John Gregg to June 2023.

Prior to taking up role: external appointment.

On leaving role: external appointment.

Neil MacDonald (Interim Director of Children's Services) July 2023 to current.

Prior to taking up role: Strategic Lead, Quality Assurance

6. The name of each Lead Member for Children's Services for the Authority since 1.1.2019. Kindly also provide the dates they were in post and any other roles they held within the Authority (before, during and after).

Cllr Pat Seaman to current.

Roles held immediately prior to appointment as Lead Member for Children's Services included Chair, Planning Committee, member of the Corporate Parenting Board and member of the

Education and Children's Services Scrutiny Board.

If your Authority has combined with, or separated from, other Authorities during this period please can you either provide the information for those or else provide the information as to where that information may be requested from.

Not applicable.

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Yours faithfully

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