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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI593693066

Thank you for your request for information relating to crematoria services.

You have requested the following information:

1. Does the local authority own and operate crematoria?

Yes.

2. If yes, which crematoriums do you own and/or operate?

Canley Crematorium.

3. How many individual cremators do you operate at each site?

Four.

4. Does the local authority own crematoria that are operated by a third party?

No.

5. How many cremations took place in each crematoria owned or operated by the Local Authority between 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023.

2,466.

6. Please provide information about the type of fuel used in each crematoria – gas, electric or other.

Gas.

7. Does your cremator/s have mercury abatement installed?

Yes.

8. Please provide the date of installation for each of the cremators / cremation chambers used within your crematoria

2010.

9. Do you have a date when you expect to replace your existing cremators? If so, please provide a date for each individual facility.

No date at this time.

10. Have you considered installing cremators which use alternative fuels?

Yes.

11. If yes to the above, which alternatives have you considered?

Electric.

12. Do you collect data about the environmental emissions / impact from any crematoria you own or operate?

Yes, via independent monitoring to adhere to standard requirements.

13. If yes to the above, please share this data with us. This can be shared in an email or attached as a document / PDF.

See attached report.

Please note certain information has been redacted, removed, as it could be used to identify the individuals involved.

Therefore, this information is exempt under section 40 (2) of the FOIA. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the Data Protection Act.

This has been done as the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

- (a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
- (b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”

The information you have requested includes personal information of employees of Coventry City Council who are not at a senior level and members of the public. The disclosure of this information would breach one or more of the Data Protection Principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). The condition at section 40 3A(a) is therefore satisfied because disclosure in this instance would breach the first data protection principle. This is because it would be unfair to disclose such personal data where the employees and members of the public concerned have no expectation that their names would be released in the context of the information held.

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

This is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest.

14. Do you publish the data you collect on environmental emissions / impact from any of crematoria you own or operate?

The report is placed onto the Environmental Permitting public register.

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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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