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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI593548274

Thank you for your request for information relating to cost of Processing Freedom of Information.

You have requested the following information:

For the last 3 tax year's (23/22, 22/21, 21/20) please provide the total cost of:

- 1. Total number of staff hired with responsibility for freedom of information requests, (full time equivalent) .**
- 2. Total salary costs for staff with responsibility for freedom of information requests.**
- 3. Total for all other costs associated with handling freedom of information requests.**

For Questions 1 to 3, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We do not record this information.

To assist, we advise that the Council does not have specific officers to process Freedom of Information (FOI) requests. Members of the Council's Information Governance team manage FOI requests as part of their wider job role duties. Furthermore, all employees of the Council are responsible for complying with Freedom of Information requests hence, we are unable to distinguish costs related to this.

- 4. Total number of freedom of information requests received, and total number responded with the requested information.**

Following careful consideration, the information you requested 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 link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory-record/59699/foi-and-sar-management>

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

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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