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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI601922352

Thank you for your request for information relating to Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.

You have requested the following information:

1. How does the Council consult with the business community under Section 65 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and which organisations are contacted? Plus details of any meetings and who attended? With a timescale of the municipal years for 2021/22; 2022/23 and the current municipal year 2023/24.

In terms of the Budget Consultation, information is incorporated into our Business Newsletters which would have advertised the survey to complete and also several dates of workshop sessions both online and face to face that anyone could register to attend. This would be the same process in all the years enquired about. All information was also heavily promoted via our social media channels.

Budget Consultation sessions have been held with the Coventry Chamber of Commerce Branch and information would have been shared via their own channels to promote the sessions. Sessions have been held on 2/02/24 and 27/01/22. Attendees were not recorded and therefore we are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that that this information is not recorded/held by the Council.

Responses are not attributed to any one organisation.

2. What contact has the Council had with the Federation of Small Businesses during the period referred to under 1 above. Has the FSB been invited to participate in any relevant consultations and meetings, if so what was the topic. Did the FSB respond?

During the time period quoted in your request, the Economic Development Service has held regular meetings with FSB (monthly on average) to discuss key issues affecting local small businesses and key emerging support requirements. In these meetings, the FSB will articulate key concerns or opportunities facing its members.

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Yours faithfully

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