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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI612957422

Thank you for your request for information relating to predicted funding gap.

You have requested the following information:

We are carrying out a Freedom of Information request to try and ascertain the scale of the funding challenge that local councils are facing in the medium-term future. Please can you answer the following questions:

- 1. What is your current predicted funding gap by the end of the financial year 2025/26?
- 2. What is your current predicted net revenue budget for the financial year 2025/26?
- 3. What is your current predicted cumulative funding gap by the end of the financial year 2026/27? (the total combined predicted funding gap of the financial years 2025/26 and 2026/27)
- 4. What is your current predicted net revenue budget for the financial year 2026/27?

For Questions 1 to 4, 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://internaldemocraticservices.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s59424/Budget%20Report%202024-25.pdf

The information can be found on Page 23 – Table 2 – Summary Changes to Pre-Budget Report Position.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: <u>FOI/EIR Disclosure Log</u>, <u>Publication Scheme</u>, <u>Facts about Coventry</u> and <u>Open Data</u> 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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