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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI625236059

Thank you for your request for information relating to Inward investment efforts.

You have requested the following information:

I would like to know what meetings and conferences have been attended by the council staff in an effort to attract inward investment into the city. These meetings will be with companies, that are not in the West Midlands and would require assistance from the council to help to map out a plan and could involve arranging other meetings with other council departments, the Chief Exec, and local businesses.

Clarification: This is based on the council having an inward investment function or something equivalent to that.

How many meetings, which type of meetings and from these meetings what has developed into a commercial benefit for the city.

For instance, an Urban Airport was modelled opposite the council building (news item here https://www.dezeen.com/2022/04/20/air-one-urban-airport-electric-flying-cars-drones/). I suspect this will be part of some government and private inward investment.

I am interested to know what other such initiatives have been discussed, which have not been taken further, and even if details cannot be disclosed, how many meetings have taken place to promote the city.

Thank you for your request for information relating to Inward investment efforts. We can confirm

that we do not hold the information in the format that it has been requested by. Therefore we are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that we do not hold the requested information.

In order to assist you further, we can confirm that the Council does have an inward investment team. Further information on invest Coventry, including our 2024 investment prospectus is already available via our Website and can be viewed here:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/invest-coventry

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Yours faithfully

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