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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI632909325

Thank you for your request for information relating to Payments to Council Staff working at the 2024 General Election.

You have requested the following information:

In the 2024 general election:

- 1. How many council staff were paid on top of their normal council salary to be involved with the election and were also given a paid day off the day after the election, thereby receiving paid election working plus their normal salary plus a paid extra days holiday.**
- 2. How much in money (£) did the extra paid day off for all council workers working the election cost the council?**
- 3. How many paid non working days in total did the council give to council staff who worked the election.**

We refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act regarding staff appointed to work at elections. Julie Newman is appointed as Acting Returning Officer for Coventry City Council under Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983. Her appointment as Acting Returning Officer is separate to her appointment as Director of Law and Governance and, although appointed by the council, the Acting Returning Officer's responsibilities and duties are personal. As such an Acting Returning Officer does not carry out the duties on behalf of the local authority but in their own personal capacity.

A list of public bodies and local authorities that are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act is included in Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which can be viewed here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/schedule/1>

As you will see, the Freedom of Information Act does not list any person appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983. It follows that the Returning Officer, Electoral Registration Officer or any other person appointed under the Act are not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

I would advise you that the ARO does not hold information in relation to which of the staff they employ to work on elections are also employed by the City Council.

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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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