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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to highway maintenance.

You have requested the following information:

- Do you use contractors or self-deliver highways maintenance for your local authority?

Both. The Highways Authority has its own Direct Labour Organisation and we use approved contractors with the support of the Procurement Department to deliver the Highways works program.

- If a contractor is used for a PFI contract, when did this contract commence and when does it end?

No PFI Contract is in place for Highway maintenance work.

- Have you considered using innovated materials to fix road defects?

We have used innovative products for example rubber modified asphalt which contains recycled rubber tyre crumb.

- Which highways maintenance contractors and sub contractors do you (or your wider main contractor) use and what activity are they responsible for?

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/downloads/download/1362/contracts_register

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

- What plant machinery is used in your highways maintenance, both yours and your contractors / rental partners?

An extensive list of plant and machinery is used for highways maintenance, with and without operator. These are supplied either through approved frameworks to this Authority or through ESPO frameworks. The number of items is too extensive to list each and every appliance.

- What measurement criteria is used to assess the contractor’s performance? How have they performed over a 12 month period?

Key Performance Indicators are set with suppliers and the supplier performance is measured against these KPIs. KPIs are specific to each contract/framework.

- What is the spending and workforce associated to each of the following – planned highways maintenance, reactive highways maintenance, capital schemes?

Planned maintenance £957k, utilising nine operatives.

Reactive maintenance £1.39m, utilising 6x 2 operatives (12 total).

Capital Schemes £8.275m this financial year, with resources fluctuating depending on the scheme type and size.

- Who is the individual(s) that assess the assets and machinery used in your highway maintenance?

We have a number of Site Supervisors who have responsibility for machinery used on our sites. We also have a Fleet Department which has overall responsibility for vehicles.

- Do you provide your own PPE?

We provide PPE for staff directly employed to the council. We do not provide it for contractors who supply through an approved contract, they provide their own.

- What measurement do you use to identify the longevity of the highways maintenance fix?

No measure is used for reactive repairs.

- What innovation have you trailed for highway maintenance?

We have trialled innovative materials, innovative plant, and site accommodation.

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