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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI655358423**

Thank you for your request for information relating to FOI Request: Christmas Light Spending (17/10/2024).

You have requested the following information:

**I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The purpose of this request is to gather data on the average figure the council spends on Christmas lights and decorations.**

**Specifically, I am seeking information on the following:**

**The annual spend on Christmas lights per year, for the following years:**

- 2020**
- 2021**
- 2022**
- 2023**
- 2024**

**The annual spend on Christmas decorations (e.g. trees), for the following years:**

- 2020**
- 2021**
- 2022**
- 2023**
- 2024**

**The estimated energy consumption (in kWh) of the Christmas lights, for the following years:**

**-2020**  
**-2021**  
**-2022**  
**-2023**  
**-2024**

**If the council does not maintain separate records for the categories mentioned (e.g. Christmas lights and decorations) and instead utilises a consolidated budget for all festive or annual decorations, please provide the total budget figure for the relevant years. If possible, provide an estimate or breakdown of the portion typically allocated to Christmas-related expenses.**

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/directory-record/62097/christmas-light-spending-2020-to-2024>

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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](mailto: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](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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