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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05087**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Councillor Policies.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information concerning your councillors:

1. Does the council have a formal policy in place for maternity, paternity, adoption and kinship care for all councillors? If yes, please provide a copy.

No.

2. If no, does the council have any informal arrangements in place by which it would make provisions for maternity, paternity, adoption and kinship care for all councillors?

Considered on a case by case basis.

3. Does the council have a formal policy in place for maternity, paternity, adoption and kinship care for councillors with a Special Responsibility Allowance? If yes, please provide a copy

No.

4. If no, does the council have any informal arrangements in place by which it would make provisions for maternity, paternity, adoption and kinship care for councillors with a Special Responsibility Allowance?

Considered on a case by case basis.

5. Does the council have a formal standards committee?

Yes (known as the Ethics Committee).

6. Does the council have a formal role to oversee member conduct and promote equality (e.g. chair of the standards committee, chief whip, etc)?

The Council's Ethics Committee is responsible for promoting and maintaining high standards of conduct by Elected Members and co-opted Members;

The Council's Monitoring Officer is responsible for promoting effective working relations with Members and Officers to advance good governance and the highest standards of ethical behaviour.

Responsibility for equalities issues is part of the portfolio of the Deputy Leader of the Council who is the Cabinet Member for Policing and Equalities.

7. Does the council's code of conduct under section 27(2) of the Localism Act 2011 make any reference to promoting equality or tackling sexism?

The Code of Conduct for elected members which is based on the 7 principles of public life is available on the Council's website –

at: <http://democraticservices.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s37722/Part%20%20-%20Codes%20and%20Protocols.pdf> .

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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

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 casework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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