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Dear Sir/ Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ06582

Thank you for your request for information relating to Electoral Register and email addresses.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

- 1. You hold personal email addresses as part of your Electoral Register, and if so,
- 2. how many emails you hold in the Electoral Register;
- 3. What the source or sources of these emails is;

4. Whether you have included all or some portion of these emails as part of the datasets you gave to election candidates at the 2019 General Election;

5. If so, how many emails were supplied;

6. Whether you supplied email details in other prior elections.

We can confirm that elections and registration of electors is governed by the Representation of the People Act 1983 (The Act) as amended and Coventry City Council must appoint an officer of the council to be the Returning Officer (RO) and the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) which is Martin Reeves, Chief Executive of the Council. Although appointed by the council, the RO and ERO does not carry out the duties or responsibilities of the post on behalf of the Council but in their own appointed capacity. The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) does not list any appointed person under the Representation of People Act. Whilst that there is no statutory obligation to provide this information, to be of assistance, detailed below is your question and as much of the information which is available in response to your question.

We do hold email addresses within our database, but these do not form part of the electoral register. As such, they are not provided as part of any printed or data copy of the register.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the <u>Council's web site</u> and in particular its FOI/EIR <u>Disclosure log</u>, <u>Council's Publication Scheme</u>, <u>Open Data</u> and <u>Facts about Coventry</u>.

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: <u>infogov@coventry.gov.uk</u>

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 <u>casework@ico.org.uk</u>.

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

Yours faithfully

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