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Dear Sir/ Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ06730

Thank you for your request for information relating to climate change impact.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. Please provide any risk assessment or impact assessment carried out by the council relating to the potential impact of climate change on the council and its services and/or the council area.

Coventry City Council (CCC) constantly monitors developments relating to the potential impact of climate change on the council, its services and within the council area. The council acknowledges the importance of assessing the impacts of this constantly evolving agenda and is a key consideration for all services within the Council. A key priority of Coventry City Council is to ensure the transition to a low carbon economy, whilst fully managing the risks and opportunities associated with Climate Change. As a result, the Council aims to be at the forefront of low carbon innovation, ensuring a sustainable, clean and green future for generations to come.

- 2. Please provide details of any of the following measures that the council has adopted since 2017 or is considering adopting, in relation to any area, in order to tackle climate change and/or reduce air pollution:
- congestion charging/road charging
- restrictions on private car usage in certain areas (e.g. town centres) and/or at certain times, , where this is in response to climate change or air pollution
- restrictions or increased charges for car parking in certain areas (e.g. town centres) and/or at certain times, where this is in response to climate change or air pollution
- financial inducements to people to switch from using private cars

Please note that the measures in question 2 relate to tackling climate change or reducing air pollution - therefore measures solely to raise revenue do not count.

since 2017, Coventry City Council has not adopted any measures involving congestion charging, road user charging, restrictions on private vehicles, increased car parking charges or the introduction of financial inducements to people to switch from using private cars, in relation to tackling climate change or reducing air pollution.

The Council is in the process of developing its Local Air Quality Action Plan, which will set out the package of measures aimed at specifically reducing roadside nitrogen dioxide levels within the city. Government feedback on the evidence submitted in support of the emerging LAQAP is currently awaited. Once this is received, the Council intends to consult on the LAQAP. The Council's Cabinet remains firmly opposed to any measure introducing any form of charging as part of a Clean Air Zone.

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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

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

Yours faithfully

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