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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07233

Thank you for your request for information on Environmental Health & licensing related charges for services.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. Does your Local Authority provide charges for non-statutory Environmental Health & Licensing related services to the public and / or businesses?

We can confirm that we do provide charges for non-statutory Environmental Health & licensing related services to the public and/or businesses.

2. If you have answered yes to question 1, please provide a list of the non-statutory services which you offer to the public and/or businesses. Please also provide the equivalent hourly rate(s) you charge for each of the above-mentioned services? If a service has a bespoke element to the chargeable rate, please provide an averaged figure.

We can confirm that we charge for:

- Food hygiene rating revisits. We charge a flat fee for the work; currently set at £196.
- Export Health Certificates £39.
- 3. Has your Local Authority, or anyone on behalf of your Local Authority, set up a Company to provide non-statutory Environmental Health & Licensing related services to the public? If so, please provide details of the Company name(s) and website(s).

No, we can confirm that Coventry City Council or anyone on our behalf has set up a Company to provide non-statutory Environmental Health & Licensing related services to the public.

4. Does your Environmental Health Service (or equivalent) provide chargeable services to other departments within your Local Authority? If so, please provide details of services and the chargeable hourly rate.

No, our Environmental Health Service (or equivalent) does not provide chargeable services to other departments within our Local Authority.

5. How long have these charged for services been operating.

We can confirm that Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (FHRS) revisits have been charged for since 1st July, 2019. In terms of Export Health Certificates, we can advise that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This is because we do not hold a date of how long we have charged for this and this information is not held on our systems.

6. What level (£) of income have these services brought into the Council in the last 4 years?

The level of income received in the last four years is as follows:

FHRS Visits - £3990 Export Heath Certificates - £858

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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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