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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07574

Thank you for your request for information on Authority purchased property through an offshore vehicle

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

1. Confirmation of whether or not this local authority owns or has purchased any commercial or residential property through an offshore vehicle? (i.e. any company, special purpose vehicle, unit trust or any other ownership structure that is registered outside of England).

We are not aware of the Council owning or having any interest in offshore companies nor acquiring any properties through such an arrangement.

2. A list of the properties this local authority owns through offshore vehicles and the registered addresses of all these offshore vehicles?

Please see the response to question 1 above.

3. A calculation of how much stamp duty tax saving this local authority has made by purchasing/owning properties through offshore vehicles according to your most recent accounts?

Please see the response to question 1 above.

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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: <a href="mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk">infogov@coventry.gov.uk</a>

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

**Information Governance**