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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI366713847**

Thank you for your request for information relating to ITV Central FOI request for COP 26 coverage.

You have requested the following information:

**1) Which department within your council is primarily responsible for green issues (ie air quality, climate change, sustainability, etc)**

The Council is very committed to tackling climate change in the City and is constantly assessing opportunities and funding which can be used to support the climate change agenda. For this reason, projects relating to green issues are being undertaken through multiple service areas in the Council; details of some of the key projects can be found on:

[https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/65/home\\_energy\\_and\\_warmth/177/tackling\\_climate\\_change/3](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/65/home_energy_and_warmth/177/tackling_climate_change/3).

The current Climate Change Strategy for the City is now under review, which will cut across all services areas of the Council. However, the responsibility for the development of this strategy will sit within the Climate Change & Sustainability Team (Business, Investment & Culture Directorate).

**2) For the above department, please provide the annual allocated budget for the following financial years: 2011/12; 2019/20; 2020/21**

**3) For the above department, please provide the annual projected budget for the current financial year (2021/22)**

In response to question 2 & 3, we can advise that we do not hold any data for 2011-12 in the current system. This is due to a change to our finance systems that was made at that time 2011/12.

For the remaining years requested, we have the following budgets allocated to Climate change and Sustainability department. Please note that these are revenue budgets for this team only and do not include all net zero projects that are running across multiple Council departments.

Year      2019-20   2020-21   2021-22

\*Budgets £496,471   £776,295   £706,400

(\* It should also be noted that COVID will have affected some or all of the Council's business so although we have budgeted at this level, spend for 21-22 will vary and we will not know what this looks like fully until after year end)

**4) For the current financial year (2021/22) please provide details of the council's three biggest (in terms of expenditure) green initiatives (including actual expenditure if available, or projected expenditure if not available)**

For the current financial year (2021/22) we can advise that in terms of the Council's biggest Initiatives, the following projects apply:

- Property Carbon Reduction
- 400+ EV chargers, the most of any UK City outside London
- Development of the first 'Very Light Rail System' in the UK, battery operated using rapid charging solutions
- Four new cycle routes being developed in and around the city
- Future of battery technology will be developed at the first UK Battery Industrialisation Centre.
- All electric bus city by 2025

In terms of expenditure, as already outlined, projects relating to green issues are being undertaken through multiple service area, Council projects. We do not hold information in the way it has been requested however, in order to assist your further, we are able to provide the following information by specific service area:.

Please see below current budgets for Carbon Reduction Projects from the Council's Property team. (Please note this does not include any budgets spent on other projects that could be considered carbon reduction efforts (eg. EV charging infrastructure, Tree planting, Green business grants, fleet replacements etc.)

Property Carbon Reduction Spend and Budget

2019-20 – £40k

2020-21 – £150k

2021-22 – £9.5m

In respect of EV Infrastructure, the funding comes to the Council and if this is the case, is shown as follows:

Coventry City Council has received:

£1.2m in 2017 for ULEV Taxi Infrastructure project

£300k in 2018 for ORCS Phase 1

£258k in 2019 for ORCS Phase 2  
 £2.55m in 2019 for ULEB (100 Electric buses)  
 £792k in 2020 for ORCS Phase 3 & 4

The Council has spent all the above funding by each following year.

With regards to the Council's ERDF Green Business Programme, please see the table below. The programme is both capital and revenue which ERDF funding, Public & Private match.

REVENUE						
Calendar year Jan-Dec	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Actual & Forecast)	2022 (Forecast)	2023 (forecast till June)
TOTAL REVENUE CLAIM	£ 403,521.84	£ 451,515.85	£ 435,844.92	£ 529,423.05	£ 531,900.71	£ 270,118.38
Revenue Private Match (SME)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ 18,750.00	£ 12,930.00	£ 6,051.57
Revenue Public Match (COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL)	£ 103,000.88	£ 116,151.58	£ 129,601.53	£ 160,341.54	£ 155,007.79	£ 79,496.22
TOTAL ERDF FUNDING	£ 295,520.96	£ 335,364.29	£ 306,243.39	£ 350,331.51	£ 363,962.91	£ 184,669.57

  

CAPITAL						
Calendar year Jan-Dec	2018	2019	2020	2021 (Actual & Forecast)	2022 (Forecast)	2023 (forecast till June)
TOTAL CAPITAL CLAIM	£ 3,979,221.53	£ 1,373,548.91	£ 541,348.76	£ 1,879,752.88	£ 1,383,450.00	£ 536,101.85
Revenue Private Match (SME)	£ 2,864,496.58	£ 824,129.75	£ 324,808.07	£ 1,127,852.00	£ 830,070.00	£ 321,660.59
Revenue Public Match (COVENTRY CITY COUNCIL)	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -	£ -
TOTAL ERDF FUNDING	£ 1,314,725.95	£ 549,419.16	£ 216,538.69	£ 751,900.88	£ 553,380.00	£ 214,441.06

The table breaks down all funding streams and works on a calendar year Jan-Dec. The funding ends in June 2023. This includes the actuals for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 which has both the actuals so far and the forecast. 2022 & 2023 (to June only) has the forecast for the programme.

In terms of fleet management and key schemes aimed at carbon reduction, the Council's spend on EVs annually over the past four years is shown below:

2019-2020 - Nil  
 2020 – 2021 £1,090,000  
 2021 – 2022 - £1,034,000 (with a plan to spend another £170,000)

Fleet management have not earmarked budget for 2022 or 2023 directly for EV's as yet

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Yours faithfully

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