

## Information Governance Team

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Dear Sir/Madam

## Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI395139941

Thank you for your request for information relating to Grant Schemes for Council House Tenants.

You have requested the following information:

I'm looking for more information on whether the council has a scheme in place where council house tenants can get a grant from the council in order to put towards buying a home of their own.

For example, Wandsworth has this scheme in place, and I want to know whether Coventry council offers something similar:

https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/housing/council-tenants-and-leaseholders/low-cost-homeownership/house-purchase-grant/eligibility-for-a-house-purchase-grant/

I would like to know:

Does the council have a scheme in place where council house tenants can get a grant from the council to put towards buying a home of their own? If so, could you explain:

- What the scheme is
- The maximum grant you can get
- Who is eligible

If the council does have a scheme in place, I would like to know the following:

Can I get a breakdown of how many grants the council awarded over the following time periods:

- 1 January 2018 31 December 2018
- 1 January 2019 31 December 2019
- 1 January 2020 31 December 2020
- 1 January 2021 31 December 2021

What was the total value (in  $\mathfrak{L}$ ) of grants awarded by the council broken down for the following years:

- 1 January 2018 31 December 2018
- 1 January 2019 31 December 2019
- 1 January 2020 31 December 2020
- 1 January 2021 31 December 2021

What was the single highest value grant (in £) awarded by the council for the following years:

- 1 January 2018 31 December 2018
- 1 January 2019 31 December 2019
- 1 January 2020 31 December 2020
- 1 January 2021 31 December 2021

We can confirm that we do not hold this information and are informing you as required under Section 1(1) of the Act.

Coventry City Council does not own any housing stock as this was transferred to Citizen Housing (formerly Whitefriars) in September 2000 through Large Scale Voluntary Transfer.

This transfer also involved movement of responsibility for management of the housing stock, including repairs and maintenance and the setting and collection of rents along with any right-tobuy activities.

For clarity, the Council relinquished responsibility regarding these matters in their entirety as part of the transfer.

To advise and assist you further, information about Citizen Housing and their services can be found on the web site at:

## https://www.citizenhousing.org.uk/

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>FOI/EIR Disclosure</u> Log , <u>Publication Scheme</u> , <u>Facts about Coventry</u> and <u>Open Data</u> that you may find of use.

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

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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