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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI702946174**

Thank you for your request for information relating to spending on management consultants.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the council's expenditure on management consultancy services, including services provided by the Big Four firms: PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), Ernst & Young (EY), Deloitte, and KPMG.

For the financial years 2022-23, 2023-24, and 2024-25, please provide the following information:

1. Expenditure on the Big Four consultancies

- **Total amount spent with each of the following firms, broken down by financial year: PwC, EY, Deloitte, and KPMG.**
- **The highest day rate paid to each of these firms in each financial year.**

2. Expenditure on other management consultants

- **Total amount spent on management consulting services excluding the Big Four, broken down by consultancy and financial year.**
- **For each engagement, please include:**
 - o **The name of the consultancy firm**

o The financial year of the expenditure

o A brief description of the project or services provided (e.g. project title or internal reference)

o The start and end dates of the engagement (or anticipated end date if ongoing)

o The procurement route used (e.g. open competition, framework agreement, direct award) and the name of the procurement framework, if applicable

3. Additional Information (if available without exceeding cost limits)

If it is possible within the cost limit:

• Please state the number of individual consultants provided by each firm for each engagement.

• Please indicate whether any deliverables were produced (e.g. reports, action plans) and whether these are publicly available.

• Please confirm whether any of the consultancy work covered tasks that would normally be performed by in-house council staff or roles that were vacant at the time.

For Questions 1 to 3, we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The requested information is recorded in a nonreportable format. We advise it would require an officer to manually review each record to determine the information held and collate the relevant data. This has been estimated to exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act to complete. Your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we advise that the Council does publish the details of spend on consultancy services in its monthly 'expenditure above £500' listings, and this can be found by filtering on the account code 'R4403 Services - Consultancy fees' and this is accessible using the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/budgets-spending/transparency>

Additionally, please see the table below for the expenditure on the 'big four' consultancy services:

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
PwC	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Ernst & Young	£160,331.75	£127,639.39	£0.00
Deloitte	£94,836.20	£29,450.00	£0.00
KPMG	£0.00	£0.00	£41,500.00
Total	£255,167.95	£157,089.39	£41,500.00

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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 icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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