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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI738045270

Thank you for your request for information relating to Domestic Properties Rented from Private Landlords.

You have requested the following information:

1. Property Details

For each property currently rented by the Council, please provide:

The type of property (e.g. flat, terraced house, detached, etc.)

The number of bedrooms and bathrooms

The monthly rent paid

The number of residents currently housed in the property

The general category of residents (e.g. asylum seekers, individuals experiencing homelessness, etc.)

How long (in months) the Council has been renting the property

The total amount paid to date for each property

The type and length of contract (e.g. number of years the Council has guaranteed to rent the property)

Coventry City Council operates a scheme which sources privately rented properties for households who are homeless and in temporary accommodation, called Lets Rent. These are households who are homeless and owed a housing duty under the Housing Act 1996. However, the tenancy is always between the tenant and the landlord (sometimes the landlord uses a Letting Agency), not the council. We also work with a partner agency called Beam who support homeless households to find properties in the Private Rented Sector.

There is also an Integration project for refugee households who have come through a managed Home Office programme, which operates in the same way properties are sourced from the private rented sector to meet the household's need but the council does not rent these properties, the tenancy is between the tenant and the landlord/letting agency.

To assist further, we have contracts with private providers for the provision of temporary accommodation. Information on the contracts for temporary accommodation can be found on the contracts register at:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/contractsregister>

These properties are for people who are homeless and owed a temporary accommodation duty under the Housing Act 1996.

2. Additional Payments

Details of any additional payments made to landlords for each property, such as maintenance, bonuses, or incentive payments.

Lets Rent and the Integration scheme do include one-off incentive payments for landlords however the properties are not rented by the council.

3. Funding Comparison

Does the Council pay more to private landlords for these properties than would typically be paid in housing benefit for comparable accommodation provided to other claimants (e.g. unemployed individuals)?

Not applicable. The council does not directly pay the rent for properties sourced as part of the Lets Rent or Integration schemes, the agreement (including payment of rent) is between the tenant and the landlord.

4. Ethnicity Information

If held and not exempt under Section 40 (Personal Data), please provide anonymised aggregated data on the ethnicity or nationality of tenants (e.g. Syrian, Afghan, Ukrainian, etc.) housed in these properties.

The tenancies for the schemes described above are between the tenant and the landlord, not Coventry City Council. We do not hold this information and are therefore informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

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For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

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 icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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

Yours faithfully

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