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Dear Sir/Madam

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)
Request ID: FOI748262621**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Net Zero Commitments.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding you council's commitments and progress toward net zero emissions.

1. Has your council committed to a specific Net Zero target year, and if so, what year?

2050.

**2. What significant changes have you made – if any – since your net zero goals were set?
Select all that apply:**

- Measured real-time energy usage and performance metrics
- Retrofitted existing buildings to improve energy efficiency (e.g. upgrading BMS)
- Conducted energy audits or heat decarbonisation plans
- Invested in renewable technologies
- Electrified infrastructure (EVs, buildings, heating systems)
- Other (free text)

The Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan highlights other changes the Council have taken, and plan to take - see the link below:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/climate-change/climate-change-strategy>

3. What percentage of your council's energy consumption is currently sourced from fossil fuels?

For our operational buildings, 47% of council energy use in operational buildings is direct fossil fuel use (ie. Within Scope 1)

If the question concerns all energy use (ie. Including fleet and other non- operational building related uses) then overall fossil fuel usage is 85%. Increase predominantly from fleet diesel usage and non-REGO proportion of grid electricity for streetlighting.

4. Has your council received any government or private funding for decarbonisation or energy efficiency initiatives in the past 3 years? If yes, where has this been spent?

The Council has received numerous government funding for decarbonisation and energy efficiency initiatives over the past 3 years, most of which have been included within the Council's Climate Change Strategy 2024 2030 use the link below:

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5. What are the biggest barriers you're facing when it comes to decarbonisation? Select all that apply:

- Culture
- Knowledge
- Technology
- Budget

Additional barriers can be found in Coventry's Climate Change Strategy 2024 2030 see link below:

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6. Are you confident that you will deliver on net zero by 2050?

Coventry's Route Map to Net Zero independently assessed levels of investment required to achieve the necessary carbon reductions. The modelled actions illustrate that there is still a gap in reaching the 2050 target and the huge scale of investment needed. This gap will need to be addressed by future innovations and advances in technology. The introductions of taxation and financial incentives from the Government in future years may render more of the current technically viable options into more economically viable ones, especially if they create jobs and stimulate the economy. Carbon offsetting is also considered, which would require planting 44 million trees across the UK to close Coventry's gap to net zero. This illustrates that the scale of the challenge goes well beyond Coventry's boundary and will require leadership and investment in infrastructure at a national level to support the transition to net zero by 2050.

More information can be found within Coventry's Climate Change Strategy 2024 2030.

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Yours faithfully

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