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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI750691109**

Thank you for your request for information relating to AI investment at the council.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I have framed the request to focus on recorded information and to minimise the burden of collation. I would like to know:

1. The total amount spent by the council on artificial intelligence (AI) systems, software, consultancy, training, or related services in each of the last five financial years for which data is available.

i. If held, a breakdown of this spend by category (e.g. software licences, consultancy, training).

Spend on Teams Premium and CoPilot combined is circa:

2025-26 £136k

2024-25 £30k

2023-24 £38k

ii. If held, any recorded information on expenditure specifically related to AI “agents.”

There are no costs specifically for AI agents at this stage.

iii. Any recorded information (e.g. strategy documents, business cases, budget papers) concerning planned investment in new or expanded AI tools or services within the next 12 months.

At the time of responding, there are no finalised plans for increased investment regarding AI.

To assist, this paper from a public scrutiny coordination committee in March this year explains the councils approach:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s63185/Appendix+1+-+Artificial+Intelligence.pdf>

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Yours faithfully

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