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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI781970601**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Cost of Police and Crime Commissioner elections 2024.

You have requested the following information:

The Police and Crime Commissioner Elections (Local Returning Officers' and Police Area Returning Officers' Charges) Order 2024 sets out how much local authorities can claim for the costs of running these elections.

I would like to know how much your local authority claimed from the Government for running the 2024 Police and Crime Commissioner elections or if you do not have a PCC or PFCC, the cost of running the Mayoral elections for your area.

If you were not responsible for running the election in your area, please provide a NIL response.

We can confirm that Julie Newman Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer for Coventry City Council under Section 35 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 is separate to her appointment as Chief Legal Officer and, although appointed by the council, the Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer's responsibilities and duties are personal.

As such an Electoral Registration Officer and Returning Officer does not carry out the duties on behalf of the local authority but in their own personal capacity.

A list of public bodies and local authorities that are subject to the provisions of the Freedom of

Information Act is included in Schedule 1 to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which can be viewed here:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/schedule/1>

As you will see, the Freedom of Information Act does not list any person appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983. It follows that the Returning Officer, Electoral Registration Officer or any other person appointed under the Act are not subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act.

National elections are funded by Central Government and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government prepares a Charges Order for the elections which specifies the maximum recoverable by the Returning Officer in delivering the PCC Elections. The Returning Officer is required to adhere to guidance issued by MHCLG in claiming the costs and submits a claim to the Elections Claims Unit which is part of MHCLG. In view of this you should be able to obtain the information from them in relation to the costs of the PCC election held in 2024.

In addition the Government does report on the costs of UK national polls and PCC elections which can be found here:

Reports on the cost of UK national polls and PCC elections - GOV.UK

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/reports-on-the-cost-of-uk-national-polls-and-pcc-elections>

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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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