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Dear Sir/Madam

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)**
**Request ID: FOI837521835**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Lobbying for climate action & funding.

You have requested the following information:

**1. Has the council written to or met with UK, national or devolved governments to ask or lobby for climate action since 1st January 2024?**

**Please provide some evidence of the most recent letter or meeting such as a copy of the letter or email sent, or the date, topic of meeting and position of the person that the meeting was held with.**

**This includes either asking for more powers and funding for local authorities to take climate action, or asking for the government to take further action themselves. This includes working with other local authorities to send joint letters or meetings to lobby UK or devolved governments, and includes both general climate action and calls for action on specific issues such as transport where climate change is mentioned as a motivating factor for taking action. This includes if a cabinet member or other councillor has written to or met with the UK or devolved governments on behalf of the council.**

Coventry City Council was one of the National ARP4 Local Authority Pilots which worked closely with the WMCA, The Met Office and DEFRA on matters concerning the future role of local authorities in Adaptation and Resilience and helped to inform the revised process for ARP5 where it is proposed that the regional Combined Authorities will have a mandatory responsibility for the reporting on progress in delivery actions to address the identified risks and vulnerabilities for local authority areas across the region. This work is also leading to the revision of the Met Office local

authority Climate Change risk appraisal web site. Also comments were forwarded to the Climate Change Committee on matters concerning vulnerabilities to extreme weather events.

See - https://www.coventry.gov.uk/climate-change/climate-change-adaptation-report-round-4/6

The City Council assisted the WMCA in a collective response to DEFRA's consultation for ARP5 - see below for more information:

https://www.wmca.org.uk/what we do/environment energy/

The Local Authority also supported Severn Trent Water in its appeal over OFWAT's decision to not approve of spending £74m on SUDS across the City to help reduce the risk of flooding and to assist water conservation.

https://www.ofwat.gov.uk/wp content/uploads/2024/11/Respondent 151 Coventry City Council.pdf

The Head of Sustainability is also a member of the National Policy & Practice Committee for ISEP and helps to inform the organisation by giving a local authority perspective on key issues and responses to issues of concern.

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

Yours faithfully

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