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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI863277598

Thank you for your request for information relating to Enfranchisement receipts.

You have requested the following information:

Clarification: The request is for all residential properties where the Council is the freeholder.

1. The total monetary value (£) of enfranchisement receipts from residential lease extensions and freehold transfers where marriage value was paid (i.e. on residential properties where the council is the freeholder and the tenant's lease had an unexpired term of less than 80 years prior to purchase) accrued by Coventry City Council from 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2026.

Under Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority is required to confirm whether it holds the requested information unless an exemption applies.

In this case, the Council is unable to confirm whether the requested information is held because the work required to establish this would exceed the appropriate limit set out in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The appropriate limit for local authorities is £450, representing 18 hours of work at a rate of £25 per hour.

We do not maintain a central record showing whether marriage value formed part of the premium agreed in each case. Unfortunately, historic records are not all stored in a single location, with some older matters being held outside the case management system, so each file would need to be identified and reviewed separately. We also do not know whether detailed valuation calculations are held and therefore may not have sufficient information to confirm whether marriage value

formed part of the valuation in every case.

To determine whether the information is held and to answer your request, the Council would need to undertake extensive searches across multiple records systems and locations. We estimate that the time required to identify, locate and retrieve any relevant information would exceed the 18-hour cost limit.

Accordingly, the Council is not obliged to comply with your request under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In accordance with our duty under Section 16 of the Act, you may wish to refine or narrow the scope of your request, for example by reducing the timeframe.

2. What percentage of these receipts (1) were directed into the Housing Revenue Account.

Nil/Not applicable. We do not have a HRA Account.

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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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