



Finance & Legal Services

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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about spend on legal counsel which the Council received on 14th May 2013. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act").

You have requested the following information:

Please could you provide me with an indication of the Council's total spend on legal counsel for each of the following financial years:

- 2012-13 - £545,637.96
- 2011-12 - £312,963.24
- 2010-11 - £240,601.623

Please break down each year's spend as categorised within your budget. I understand the following categories are commonly used:

- Administrative
- Child care/adoption and fostering
- Adult social services and community care
- Corporate Governance
- Education
- Employment
- Housing
- Licensing
- Litigation (civil)
- Litigation (criminal)
- Mental Health

- Planning
- Police
- Procurement
- Property
- Trusts and charities

Please see attachments to email which detail spend on legal counsel for each of the three years as requested. However, Coventry City Council do not record spend in exactly the same way as per your request and therefore the spreadsheet shows spend against the cost codes that we do use.

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I hope you feel that our response meets your request. However, if that is not the case, you have a right to make representations about the outcome or handling of your request – in the first instance this must be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter, to the Council's Information Governance Team at:

Information Governance Team,
Coventry City Council
Room 21a, Lower Ground Floor,
Council House,
Earl Street
Coventry. CV1 5RR
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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

Karen Abel
Administrative Officer

Education	-211.45
Social Care	419,272.11
Legal Services	19,992.60
Elections	1500
HR	562.5
Council Tax	750
Food h&S	3000
Commercial - Licences	-200
Trading Standards	54,175.00
Corporate Service Property	500
Directorate	46297.2
	545637.96

Legal Services	300
Social Care	307,223.24
Hsg Ben Admin	740.00
Commercial - Licences	400
Trading Standards	4,300.00
	312,963.24

Education	2450
Social Care	197,705.86
Hsg Ben Admin	10,544.54
Env Protection	150
Commercial - Food	940
Noise Enforcement	200
Commercial - Health & Safety	1375
Commercial - Licences	550
Trading Standards	20,935.30
Support People	44.68
Home Support	1175
Corporate Service Property	950
Strat Operation Man Team	3581.24
	240601.62