



National Audit Office

The UK's independent public spending
watchdog

Switchboard +44 (0)207 798 7000

Direct Line +44 (0)207 798 7264

Email FOI@nao.org.uk

Reference FOI-1617

Date 31st May 2023

NAO WORK ON COVENTRY CITY CULTURE TRUST

Thank you for your request of 2nd May 2023 in relation to the National Audit Office's (NAO)'s work on Coventry City of Culture Trust. Your request was considered in accordance with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We can confirm that we hold information in the scope of your request. The National Audit Office has recently published a 'Work in progress' notice on our website. The notice outlines the general scope of the report and its intended scheduled date which in this case is Summer 2023. As the notice indicates we plan to look at central government's funding and oversight of the Trust.

The 'Work in progress' notice can be found here: [Central government funding of Coventry City of Culture Trust](#)

[- National Audit Office \(NAO\) work in progress](#)

Once the report is published, it will be available to be viewed on the reports page of our website here: [Reports - National Audit Office \(NAO\)](#)

Your specific request is set out at Annex A for your reference. Annex B sets out the steps you may wish to take if you are not satisfied with the way we have handled your request for information under the FOIA.

I hope this information has been useful and answers your request.

Yours sincerely

NAO FOI Team

157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, Victoria, London SW1W 9SP
020 7798 7000 www.nao.org.uk



Cert No. 8835

ISO 14001

Annex A

Request for information:

'I am applying for information about the NAO investigation into the financial activities of the Coventry City of Culture Trust. It went into administration in February 2023 and it has been stated publicly that the NAO are looking into this.

Please can I have details of when this will commence and what it will cover and when a report will be made available'.

Annex B

Statement of Policy

Our policy is to respond to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and EIR 2004 as helpfully and promptly as possible, having regard to the principles set out in the Act. I therefore hope you are happy with the way we have handled your request. If you are not, then you should take the following steps.

In the first instance, within 40 working days, write to the National Audit Office Freedom of Information (FOI) Team at FOI.requests@nao.org.uk or by post* to:

FOI Team, Green 2, National Audit Office, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road, London, SW1W 9SP
The Head of FOI will arrange a review, which will be conducted by a senior member of staff who was not involved in decisions relating to your original request. Once the review has been completed, we will write informing you of the outcome.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <https://ico.org.uk/> or Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF.