

Date: 3rd February 2023 Our Ref: EIR 23 1223

Climate Emergency UK request-936877-0718ff82@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Ms Jewell

Environmental Information Request

We refer to your Environmental Information Request received on the 16th of January 2023.

Your request asked for the following information:

Your Request

I would like information about your council's homes and MEES enforcements in relation to climate action for the Council Climate Action Scorecards. This information may be held by a housing department or similar.

In particular, please supply me with information relating to the following questions:

- a) What is the energy efficiency of the council's homes (managed or owned by the council)? Please provide either a distribution table with the number of buildings for each EPC rating or the percentage of the council's homes that have received an EPC rating of C or above.
- b) What is the number of investigations, enforcement notices and enforcement actions that the council did, related to MEES (Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards) in the 2021/22 financial year.

Where data is available separately for each statistic please provide separately. If only some information is available, please give me that information.

Council's Response

a) What is the energy efficiency of the council's homes (managed or owned by the council)? Please provide either a distribution table with the number of buildings for each EPC rating or the percentage of the council's homes that have received an EPC rating of C or above.

Please see the table below

| CURRENT BANDINGS SPLIT | | | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| BAND | A | В | С | D | Е | F | G |
| RANGE | 92-100 | 81-91 | 69-80 | 55-68 | 39-54 | 21-38 | 0-20 |
| EPC No | 60 | 382 | 4864 | 6451 | 372 | 13 | 0 |

b) What is the number of investigations, enforcement notices and enforcement actions that the council did, related to MEES (Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards) in the 2021/22 financial year.

Nil.

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The Information and Feedback Team can be contacted at the following address: Town Hall and Civic Buildings, Westoe Road, South Shields, NE33 2RL.

<u>Information Commissioner's Office (ICO)</u>

Should you remain dissatisfied with the final outcome of the internal review process you can write to the Information Commissioner to ask for an independent review. The Information Commissioner is the Government's Independent Body responsible for overseeing the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please do note the ICO will only review cases that have exhausted the Council's internal review procedures. All correspondence to the ICO must quote the Council's reference number and your reasons for your appeal.

The ICO's contact details are as follows: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF. More information can be found on the ICO's website at www.ico.org.uk

If you have any further queries about this matter, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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