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cc: information.governance@york.gov.uk

Dear Ms Jewell

Please see below the response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) or Environmental Information Regulations (EIR).

information about your council's lobbying work in relation to climate action for the Council Climate Action Scorecards.

The City of York Council's climate change action plan was approved in December 2022. [Agenda for Executive on Tuesday, 22 November 2022, 5.30 pm \(york.gov.uk\)](#) item 46

[Annex Bii Climate Change Action Plan.pdf \(york.gov.uk\)](#) This lists the actions the council proposes taking in response to the climate emergency.

Has the council written to or met with UK national or devolved governments to ask or lobby for climate action since 1st January 2019? 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.

Response

In response to Council motion ([Minutes Template \(york.gov.uk\)](#) motion (ii), the Chief Operating Officer wrote to Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26, the Prime Minister, and the Leadership Board of the LGA, informing them of our support for a joint Local/National Government Climate Change Partnership Taskforce and asking for one to be established as soon as possible. Response below:



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Letter sent to The Rt Hon Greg Hands MP (Minister of State for Energy, Clean Growth and Climate Change) lobbying for closer working with local authorities to achieve our net zero ambition (see attached).



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A series of meetings were held with government departments as part of the York & North Yorkshire Devolution negotiations. While minutes from these meetings are not held, the deal as agreed with Government includes specific aspects of tackling climate change. [York and North Yorkshire devolution deal - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Chief Operating Officer: Ian Floyd

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A decision about progressing the devolution deal will be discussed at Council in February 2023.

If you are dissatisfied with our response you have the right to ask for an independent review of how your enquiry was handled and responded to. This can be done by contacting us at information.governance@york.gov.uk within 40 working days of receiving your response, stating your reason(s) why you are dissatisfied.

If you remain dissatisfied following the internal review response you can contact the Information Commissioner, contact details below:

Tel: 0303 123 1113 or via their [live chat](#).

Their normal opening hours are Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm (excluding bank holidays).

You can also report, enquire, register and raise complaints with the ICO using their web form on [Contact us | ICO](#)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'C. Foale', is positioned above a faint, circular official stamp.

Claire Foale
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