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Dear Ms Jewell

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000/Environmental Information Regulations 2004 relating to KCC Electricity Tariffs. Please see the response provided below:

I would like information about your council's electricity sources in relation to climate action for the Council Climate Action Scorecards. This information may be held by an estates department or similar.

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

a. Does the council have a 100% renewable green electricity tariff for all of the electricity that the council is directly responsible for, and is this tariff with Green Energy UK plc, Good Energy Limited or Ecotricity?

This includes all electricity that the council is directly responsible for, in council offices and any other buildings leased and managed by the council where the council pays the electricity tariff. This does not include homes owned or managed by the council. If unsure, please state your provider and tariff.

No, a view has been taken to focus KCC's net zero plans on initiatives that give permanent carbon reductions, such as energy efficiency and council-owned renewable energy projects, that also provide additionality and a positive financial return to the Council. KCC will be reviewing the potential options for renewable green electricity tariffs.

b. Does the council generate and use energy from waste? And if so, what percentage of the council's total electricity use is powered by these energy from waste electricity sources?

KCC does not directly generate and use energy from waste.

c. Does the council buy directly from a local renewable electricity source or have its own renewable electricity sources? And if so, what percentage of the council's total electricity use is powered by this/these renewable electricity sources? This includes council owned renewable electricity sources that are located outside of the council area, such as solar farms located further south to maximise electricity generation.

KCC owns and operates a 21MW solar farm outside of Kent. The electricity generated by KCCs solar farm contributes renewable electricity to the National Grid equivalent to around 1/3 of KCCs total carbon emissions from buildings and transport. KCC retires the REGOs associated with the renewable power rather than selling the REGOs

ensuring that the renewable energy benefit is not double counted. In addition, KCC has installed rooftop solar arrays on a number of Council-owned buildings to self-generate electricity for the site. KCC is currently also constructing a solar farm within Kent which is expected to be completed by the end of March 2023.

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

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