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Dear Ms Jewell,

## Information Request

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2023.

As this is a request for environmental information, it has been handled in accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). EIR is broadly similar to the Freedom of Information Act, but specifically applies to environmental information.

In response to your request, in which you sought the following information:

*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.*

*This includes either asking for more powers and funding for local authorities to take climate action, or asking for the government to take further action themselves. This includes working with other local authorities to send joint letters or meetings to lobby UK or devolved governments, and includes both general climate action and calls for action on specific issues such as transport where climate change is mentioned as a motivating factor for taking action.*

*This includes if a cabinet member or other councillor has written to or met with the UK or devolved governments on behalf of the council.*

Director of Hampshire 2050  
**Gary Westbrook**

Below is the response to the points that you have raised.

The Leader of Hampshire County Council wrote to Chris Skidmore MP soon after the Net Zero Review was launched in October 2022 to invite him to hold an engagement roundtable in Hampshire. Please find a copy of this letter attached. No response was received.

Under Regulations 12(3) and 13(2A)(a) EIR personal information about a third party has been redacted from the attached records, as disclosure of the information would constitute unfair and unlawful processing of their information in breach of the Article 5 principle (a) of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

The Head of Climate Change sits on a number of national working groups – ADEPT energy group, DEFRA's Local Adaptation Advisory Panel and BEIS Data, Metrics, and Reporting Task and Finish Group which have representatives from Government. We also engage with other networks like the UK100, CCN and the LGA.

UK100, CCN, LGA and ADEPT all actively lobby Government on behalf of all its members however they would need to be contacted directly for details of correspondence they have sent.

Regarding a County Deal, the Prospectus, which is publicly [available to download](#) on HCC's website, includes asking for CPO powers to acquire sites for renewable energy generation, pilot funding for 'able to pay' retrofit programme, ability to retain revenue from fines on water companies for pollution of watercourses, and flexibilities to develop biodiversity offsetting schemes.

We hope you find the information useful.

Yours Sincerely,

DMT Support Team  
Hampshire 2050

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving our response and should be addressed to: Head of Information Compliance, Corporate Services, The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UJ or emailed to [foi@hants.gov.uk](mailto:foi@hants.gov.uk).

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: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.