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This matter is being dealt with by: Corporate Support Service

Dear Hannah

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your Request for Information concerning: Carbon literacy training for senior councillors and staff

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 16th January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to Carbon literacy training for senior councillors and staff.

Please see attached the response in relation to the information you were seeking.

I hope this response is satisfactory. If, however, you are dissatisfied with the response to your request for information, you can ask for the decision to be reviewed in reply to this letter, however any request for review must be submitted within 40 days of the date of this freedom of information response.

The review will be removed from the Corporate Support Service and coordinated by the Council's team of Solicitors. A request for review should be directed, by email to freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk by post or by hand addressed to Corporate Support Service, Sunderland City Council, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA, where it will be redirected accordingly.

If this fails to resolve your concerns, then you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours sincerely



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Please note the following information has been provided by HR & OD within Sunderland City Council.

A. Have all senior management received carbon literacy training or equivalent since 1st January 2019? Please state the type of training.

No training has been provided directly by Sunderland City Council

B. Have all current councillors in the cabinet or committee chairs received carbon literacy training or equivalent since being elected? Please state the type of training.

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Please note the following information has been provided by City Development within Sunderland City Council.

A. Have all senior management received carbon literacy training or equivalent since 1st January 2019? Please state the type of training.

I can advise that five senior managers within the Council have received low carbon training since 1st January 2019 as follows:

- Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration
- Strategic and Sustainable Plans Manager
- Energy Services Manager
- Principal Funding and Commercial Manager
- Senior Communications Manager - Place

The training undertaken involved a two-day course delivered by Smart Carbon and was accredited by Northumbria University. The training covering the following topic areas:

- Climate Change: Risk, Opportunity and Business Resilience
- Carbon Champion: Carbon Footprinting and Reporting for Organisations

B. Have all current councillors in the cabinet or committee chairs received carbon literacy training or equivalent since being elected? Please state the type of training.

I can advise that at this point in time, not all Cabinet/Committee members have received carbon literacy training since being elected. However, the Council's Deputy Leader has recently graduated as part of the first cohort of the UK100 Climate Leadership Academy.