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Our Ref: FOI_5840

Your Ref:

Dear Hannah,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your Request for Information relating to Council Climate Action Scorecards

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request received on the 16th of January 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to the Council Climate Action Scorecards.

Please see response below you were seeking to the requested question(s).

Question 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.

Answer

All electricity purchased via the Council's corporate energy contract where the Council pays the energy invoices is certified as being from the Zero Carbon for Business product offered by EDF energy. This includes sites for Council operations, Wholly Owned Council Companies (Together for Children and Sunderland Care and Support), Schools and Academies and Beamish Museum. Details of this product are on the attached factsheet entitled "Your Fuel Source Options"

Question 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?

Answer

We do not purchase or generate electricity from Energy from Waste sources

Question 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?

Answer

As of 31/01/22 the Council will have 1242 kW (p) solar PV across its estate (all PV installed in the last 12 months) in addition to approximately 100 kW (p) existing solar PV installations across various schools and academies. Assuming 800 kWh per kW generation per annum this provides an generation output of 1,073,552 kWh per annum. This equates to approximately 2.7% of the electricity consumption from sites on the corporate electricity contract

Question C : Supplementary Clarification

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.

Answer

The Council does not have any renewable electricity generation assets outside of its geographical area

I hope this is satisfactory. If, however, you are dissatisfied with our 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. A request for review should be directed, by email to freedom.information@sunderland.gov.uk by post or by hand addressed to Business Support, Sunderland City Council, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland SR1 3AA.

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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