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Our reference: 793333

Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request that we received on the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Our answers are detailed below.

- 1) The total amount of reams of paper used by the authority in the last 12 months  
**We do not record this information.**
- 2) The amount of expenditure on printing, photocopying, and consumables for internal purposes. We are not interested in the amount of expenditure for printing of publications for external use.  
**We do not hold a definitive figure at present due to a transition period between contratcs but can provide an estimate for the period 01/01/2017 to 31/12/2017 which was £162,922.54.**
- 3) The amount of recycling of paper from your offices.  
**We do not record this information**
- 4) Does the local authority have a target to reduce the use of paper - if so what is the current progress? **Sefton Council is undertaking the task of reducing its use of paper.**
- 5) Does the local authority have a target to reduce their carbon footprint - if so what is the current progress? **This information is exempt under S21 of the FOIA 2000. This is because the details can be accessed via the following link - <https://www.sefton.gov.uk/environmental-protection.aspx>**

Please quote the reference number 793333 in any future communications about this request.

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

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