

FOI/ EIR request– FOI26260510 (Waveney)

Title: Paper costs and carbon footprint reduction targets

Request

I am currently compiling data on the cost to both the environment and expenditure on the use of paper.

I would be grateful if you can give me information on the following:

- 1) The total amount of reams of paper used by the authority in the last 12 months
- 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.
- 3) The amount of recycling of paper from your offices.
- 4) Does the local authority have a target to reduce the use of paper - if so what is the current progress?
- 5) Does the local authority have a target to reduce their carbon footprint - if so what is the current progress?

Response

- 1) The total amount of reams of paper used by the authority in the last 12 months

We don't keep any information as to how many reams of paper we have used but spent In the last 12 months (01/04/17 – to date) - £ 2,246.08

- 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.

£27,923.66 – Year 16/17

- 3) The amount of recycling of paper from your offices.

Not held - recycling is outsourced to our Facilities Management company, Vertas.

- 4) Does the local authority have a target to reduce the use of paper - if so what is the current progress?

Please see the Environmental Policy listed in Q5

5) Does the local authority have a target to reduce their carbon footprint - if so what is the current progress?

We work with the Suffolk Climate Change Partnership and support their ambition to facilitate a reduction in absolute carbon emissions in Suffolk of 35% on 2010 levels by 2025 and 75% by 2050, in line with the UK Climate Change Act 2008.

The action plan is available at. <http://www.greensuffolk.org/assets/Greenest-County/SCCP/Climate-Change/Suffolk-Climate-Action-Plan-3.pdf>

You can view our environmental policy and action plan on <http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/environment/east-suffolk-environmental-policy/>