

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

- 1) Do you have a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy and/or Policy (or similar)? If so please attach.**
- 2) Has this document been adopted by Council or Cabinet (or similar), if so, when?**
- 3) Has a Councillor been assigned to champion this Strategy/Policy (or similar), if so, who?**
- 4) Is the strategy/policy (or similar) supported by an action/programme/project plan? If so, please attach.**
- 5) Is this plan delivering on time and to budget?**
- 6) What are those timescales and budget?**
- 7) Are progress reports provided to Cabinet/Council (or similar), if so, please attach.**

ANSWER

Please find attached a copy of Leicester City Council's latest Climate Change Adaptation Plan. We were one of the first local authorities in the UK to create such a plan in 2008, and are committed to addressing issues that will affect our population with inevitable climate change. The document is updated annually and reported to the City Council's Carbon Board and to the Cabinet Lead for Climate Change Cllr Palmer.

It forms part of a city-wide document, Leicester's Climate Change Programme of Action (which covers actions by a number of stakeholders on both mitigation and adaptation issues). The technical appendix covers the key strategic issues we need to address. Please find both of these attached.

Our Adaptation Action Plan is monitored on an annual basis and progress is recorded within the updated document. We continually look for resources to implement the plans wherever possible. Our work on addressing pluvial flooding is a prime example of this where, following initial comprehensive modelling of pluvial flood risk across the city, potential flooding hot spots were identified. LCC has worked with partners to obtain £12 million of funding to address some of these issues in the city. Other areas are not progressing as fast as we would like due to resource constraints. The action plan is drawn together from a number of different departments and we do not have full costs identified for all the actions that are included, as they include staff resource too. Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Anna Dodd or Carol Brass (jobshare), the Environment Manager for LCC, anna@leicester.gov.uk

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