

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - CO2 emissions**

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

**You asked:**

**Organisation's plans to improve its energy efficiency and reduce its CO2 emissions.**

- 1. Does your organisation have a plan in place to reduce its carbon emissions and improve its energy performance? If so, could you share a copy of the plan or a summary of the overall strategy and specific measures being implemented?**

Yes, we have a climate change mitigation plan for the city council. There is information on this on the council's website under your council services/ environment and planning/ environment and sustainability/ climate change or you can click on this link to go straight to the mitigation action plan:

<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/ep/the-environment/climate-change/>

- 2. Do you have a monitoring system in place and is it outsourced? If outsourced, could you provide some information on the type of contract and length of the contract (including expiry of contract). Are the contracts part of Facilities Management arrangements?**

Yes, the plan is managed and monitored under our environmental management system: EMAS. The environmental management system is managed internally by the Environment Team. However, to retain registration we have to have the system externally verified. This is undertaken by LRQA annually under the council's contract procedures.

**Are there any partnerships with other public sector organisations in the energy efficiency field? We are particularly interested in procurement alliances, sharing arrangements for renewable energy and for energy performance contracts/services.**

The City Council has not entered into any partnerships with other public sector organisations for this purpose. However, we do work with ESPO (representing a larger group of Local Authorities) to procure energy supplies for our operational buildings. The main area of partnership working is with energy suppliers and water utilities that are able to assist us with funding for our energy efficiency work.

- 3. What are the funding arrangements for the energy efficiency projects? Is there a budget in place for the implementation of the projects identified?**

The Leicester City Council Energy Management Team has a small annual budget for operational improvements and we have access to Salix Funding for specified energy efficiency improvement measures that will repay within 5 years. Beyond that we are able to make the case for prudential borrowing to install measures with longer term payback periods.

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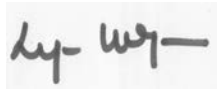
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is positioned above the printed name.

**Lynn Wyeth**

**Head of Information Governance**