



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-209, please find your question and our response below.

## Request:

1. How many councils have you formally collaborated with on climate action initiatives in the past 12 months?
2. Do you have a formal process for sharing information and best practices with other councils? If yes, please provide a link to the documentation outlining this process.
3. Do you have a dedicated team or individual responsible for monitoring climate action initiatives undertaken by other councils?
4. Do you subscribe to any databases, newsletters, or other resources that provide updates on other councils' climate actions? If yes, please list them.
5. How many public consultations or surveys related to climate action have you conducted in the past 12 months?
6. What percentage of businesses in your jurisdiction have been formally engaged in your climate action plans?
7. Do you have a scoring or ranking system for prioritising climate actions? If yes, please provide a link to the documentation outlining this system. If no, how do you currently prioritise potential actions?
8. What are the most significant barriers you face in implementing climate action initiatives?
9. Do you have a formal process for discovering, evaluating and adopting climate solutions from private sector suppliers? If yes, please provide a link to the documentation outlining this process.
10. How many people in the council have roles that focus on environmental issues? Please provide job titles and an indication of whether they are part- or full-time roles. If these could be listed in order of seniority it would also be helpful.
11. What percentage of your annual budget is specifically allocated for climate action initiatives?
12. Do you have a sustainable procurement policy? If yes, please provide a link to the policy document.
13. Do you have any case studies highlighting successful climate action initiatives? If yes, please provide links.

## Response:

**Please Note:** The questions above have been answered on a literal definition of the word 'formal'. We interpret 'formal' to mean a signed written agreement, contract, resolution or similar. As such, if only 'informal' arrangements have taken place (which, for many of the questions asked, this is the case, such as informal meetings, correspondence and shared best practice), we have still answered the question as 'nil'.

1. Nil
2. Nil
3. Nil
4. Nil
5. Specific, formal surveys – nil
6. A very small percentage, but unquantifiable
7. No – but see <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/climate-change/what-are-we-going-do> for our priority actions.
8. This is a subjective question and therefore can't be answered under FOI
9. Nil
10. Strategic Planning Manager – 1FTE, of which 0.5FTE is specifically overseeing climate and nature crisis response

Senior Climate Change and Natural Environment Officer (reports to the above) – 1FTE

11. 2%

12. nil

13. See <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/climate-change/what-are-we-going-do>

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-209.

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach [foi@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:foi@eastcambs.gov.uk) and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

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