



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 24/25-200, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

a. Does the council have a 100% renewable green electricity tariff for all of the electricity that the council is directly responsible for, and is this tariff with Green Energy UK plc, Good Energy Limited or Ecotricity?

This includes all electricity that the council is directly responsible for, in council offices and any other buildings leased and managed by the council where the council pays the electricity tariff. This does not include homes owned or managed by the council. If unsure, please state your provider and tariff.

b. Does the council generate and use energy from waste? And if so, what percentage of the council's total electricity use is powered by this/these energy from waste electricity sources?

c. Does the council buy directly from a local renewable electricity source or have its own renewable electricity sources? And if so, what percentage of the council's total electricity use is powered by this/these renewable electricity sources?

This includes council owned renewable electricity sources that are located outside of the council area, such as solar farms located further south to maximise energy generation.

**Response:**

a. Yes, the council currently has a 100% renewable green electricity tariff which covers its entire estate, with the exception of an extremely small non-renewable electricity tariff on an old contract which relates to a small number of streetlights.

b. The council is a waste collection authority, but it is not a waste disposal authority. It is not within its remit, therefore, to directly use energy from waste. The waste we collect becomes the responsibility of Cambridgeshire County Council to dispose of. Of such waste, landfill methane is captured and burnt to make energy; whilst garden and food waste are currently composted - soil is used by farmers on their fields and given free to the public.

c. The council has a single PV panel array on its business office block. In its first year of operation (financial year 23/24), the office block consumed c35,000kwh less grid electricity in the year than trends pre-installation, so we are working on the assumption that the panels generated this quantity.

Our total electricity consumption over a financial year is typically 400,000-450,000 kwh. As such, our self-generated renewable electricity supply is c8% of total electricity usage. In addition, some of our public toilets (the electricity for which is included in the above figures) have relatively old water pre-heating thermal panels included on them, but it is unknown what scale of electricity offsetting this is achieving, and it is not likely to be significant.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 24/25-200.

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.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.