



Response to Request for Information

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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?
[13,206,306 based on sheets not reams.](#)
- 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?
[We do not pay separately for consumables, they are supplied as part of our MFD contract. The forecasted MFD spend for 2017-2018 is £300,000.](#)
- 3) The amount of recycling of paper from your offices?
[We do recycle paper, council has a third party contract for confidential waste.](#)
- 4) Does the local authority have a target to reduce the use of paper - if so what is the current progress?
[We have implemented mobile and agile working arrangements, empowering staff to work from anywhere and everywhere. This is further controlled by introducing print cards, staff must login or use the print card on printers to access their prints. We are committed to reducing paper across the council.](#)
- 5) Does the local authority have a target to reduce their carbon footprint - if so what is the current progress?
[We always ensure all projects clearly stipulate the potential environmental impact and what can be done to mitigate such impact to reduce carbon footprint.](#)