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Request:

This is a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004. I would like to receive the following information:

1. A list of all (or as many major ones that are accessible under compliance limits) tree planting projects that have happened in the area under your jurisdiction since 2015 and any that are planned for the future, which have been acknowledged by the council in official correspondences, strategy documentation or press releases in relation to the council's carbon reduction strategy.

A small planting project was undertaken (2000sqm) at Fenwick Pit Heap in 2017. This is the only named project in this period.

2. Copies of the official correspondences, strategy documentation or press releases covered by part 1.

The Fenwick Pit Heap project was carried out in partnership with the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership. Meeting notes are available as below:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/GNT%20Board%20Minutes%20December%202016.pdf>

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/GNT%20Board%20Minutes%20Sept%20MK%20%283%29.pdf>

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/GNT%20Board%20Minutes %20June%20MK.pdf>

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/GNT%20Board%20Minutes %20March%20MK.pdf>

3. A copy of any planning and strategy documents for the projects covered by part 1, which includes details of who is carrying out a project, how much it costs, where it is taking place and the reasons behind it taking place.

The Fenwick Pit Heap project cost £7,031 and was delivered in accordance with the attached specification of works. The works were carried out by a local landscaping company, Straughan's. Please see the links in Q2 for more information.

4. Details of any tree-planting projects covered by part 1 that is specifically being used in a carbon offsetting project by the council, where the carbon absorption of trees is being matched with emission of carbon elsewhere.

****No information held****



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5. Details of any schemes that are in place to ensure the protection of the tree planting projects covered by part 1 - including any guarantees against the risk of them being chopped down, and any guarantees about their being replaced should they die.

Fenwick Pit Heap is a designated wildlife site; therefore, planting is protected from removal. A contingency was included within the project for tree replacement and 350 trees were replaced the year after original planting due to tree deaths.

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