



Reference: EIR-437

**Request:**

I would like information about your council's lobbying work in relation to climate action for the Council Climate Action Scorecards. In particular, please supply me with information relating to the following question:

Has the council written to or met with UK national or devolved governments to ask or lobby for climate action since 1st January 2019? Please provide some evidence of the most recent letter or meeting such as a copy of the letter or email sent, or the date, topic of meeting and position of the person that the meeting was held with.

This includes either asking for more powers and funding for local authorities to take climate action or asking for the government to take further action themselves. This includes working with other local authorities to send joint letters or meetings to lobby UK or devolved governments and includes both general climate action and calls for action on specific issues such as transport where climate change is mentioned as a motivating factor for taking action.

This includes if a cabinet member or other councillor has written to or met with the UK or devolved governments on behalf of the council.

**Response:**

North Tyneside Council have worked alongside other local authorities and with Government in successful talks which have culminated in a devolution deal for the North East.

There are nine specific objectives contained within the deal which includes one specifically centred on Reduced carbon and Reduced Inequality. This ensures that the green agenda is clearly woven through the deal alongside the shared principles of inclusive growth, addressing disparities and bringing communities together in a smart, skilled, and sustainable region.

The detail of the Devolution deal can be seen in the Government publication here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/north-east-devolution-deal--2>

As part of the North of Tyne Combined Authority, which brings together the three councils of North Tyneside, Northumberland and Newcastle, the Authority supports the Zero carbon, Zero poverty programme, which incorporates, for example, campaigning for an affordable, safe and integrated public transport system <https://www.northoftyne-ca.gov.uk/projects/zero-carbon-zero-poverty-our-5-point-plan/>

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