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Request:

****To fully answer the entire breadth of the questions submitted would exceed the maximum time limit under s12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.**

Therefore, where information exists in the public domain this is referred to. Other questions are answered with sufficient detail where possible and within time constraints.**

We would like the Council to provide the following information:

1. data on North Tyneside's carbon footprint, and in particular its carbon emissions, for 2020 and 2021;

****The Council is currently calculating its own carbon footprint for the year 2020/21 in line with Greenhouse Gas protocol. The most recent 2019/20 report can be found at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/Annual%20Greenhouse%20Gas%20Report%202019-20.pdf> –**

The most recent data for the Borough's carbon footprint can be found at <https://data.gov.uk/dataset/723c243d-2f1a-4d27-8b61-cdb93e5b10ff/emissions-of-carbon-dioxide-for-local-authority-areas>**

2. past and present details on Council environment subcommittee plans and actions;

****This is publicly available information - <https://democracy.northtyneside.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=135>****

3. details and data on stakeholders and public participation, including data on the degree and nature of community participation in making decisions on climate targets and the achieving of those targets;

****Past consultation exercises can be found online at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1224/past-engagement> - The Council's Climate Emergency Action Plan was developed in consultation with a wide range of stakeholders and can be viewed online at <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/sites/default/files/web-page-related-files/North%20Tyneside%20Climate%20Emergency%20Action%20Plan%20-%20FINAL%20CABINET%20APPROVED.pdf>****

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4. qualitative data on how the Council's separate budget for climate change investment has improved reduction of carbon emissions over the past five years;

Since 2010/11 the Council's carbon footprint has reduced by 46% to the end of 2019/20. Behaviour change, effective management of assets, investment and grid decarbonisation have all made an impact. An example, the recent Phase 2 of LED investment in streetlighting saw an investment of £0.500m produce a kilowatt hour reduction of 4,620,278 which is equivalent to 1,281 tonnes of carbon emissions saved per annum.

5. details on the Council's work with Youth Cabinet and Council on climate change over the past five years; and

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/493/get-involved-and-have-your-say>

6. updates on the following Council partnerships, schemes and initiatives:

a. the Heat Network Delivery unit project;

**(Borough Wide) - The Authority was successful in securing grant funding from the Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) under their Heat Network Development Unit Programme (HNDU). A Heat Mapping exercise was undertaken as a preliminary stage prior to the Energy Master-Planning study. The key output of the Heat Mapping stage was the identification of six areas (heat clusters) within the borough of North Tyneside which could potentially support a district heating network.

Two of the clusters were taken forward to high-level economic and technical feasibility stages. Homes England - Killingworth and Murton Strategic Development Sites Feasibility Study. In 2017 a heat network masterplan study for the Murton Gap and Killingworth Moor development sites was undertaken. The study assessed the potential for an area-wide heat network including the two development sites but also several additional loads in the surrounding area. Several options were identified that have the potential to deliver low carbon energy to the area.**

b. the GLA's Solar Action Plan;

The Authority is not part of the Greater London Solar Action Plan.

c. the Green Home grant scheme;

The Authority promotes this on our website. We have been successful in securing £4.4m of Local Authority Delivery Grant to reduce carbon emissions in the domestic sector.



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d. the offshore renewable energy programme;

The Authority does not have an Offshore Renewable Energy Programme. The Authority does however have the Swans Centre for Innovation which aims to transform the former Swan Hunter shipyard into Swans Offshore Energy Park, a hub for the offshore energy, subsea and marine sectors.

e. street LED installations;

The Authority has converted one third of its street lights to LED and will convert the remaining by the end of 2023.

f. electric cargo bikes;

Trial with SME's in North Shields, Whitley Bay and Tynemouth was due to start in April 2020 but due to Covid contamination concerns, was postponed. In June 2021 bikes were allocated and provided to Bike 4 Health, North Tyneside Council and Cobalt Business Park for a trial.

g. partnerships to install solar panels;

North Tyneside Council entered into a Roof Concession Agreement in 2011/12 with E.on. This resulted in 1,500 council owned homes receiving solar panels.

h. the trees for climate fund;

The Authority is a founding member of the North East Community Forest (NECF). The NECF has successfully secured Trees for Climate funding. You can read more online - <https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/northeastcommunityforest>

i. the biodiversity action plan with Newcastle;

The Newcastle & North Tyneside BAP can be found on the Councils website - <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/578/biodiversity-areas>. An annual report is produced each year to the Environment Sub-Committee group on the progress of targets and biodiversity projects.

j. replacing the Council's existing car fleet and public transport with more sustainable alternatives.

The Authority will replace all Light Goods Vehicles which are due to be replaced by 2030 with electric vehicles and we will continue to explore the possibility of replacing all Heavy Goods Vehicles with electric or alternative fuel vehicles, such as hydrogen. Some fully electric, zero emission buses are now in service in the North East. The region has also secured £362m for a new Metro fleet which will be 30% more energy efficient, saving enough high voltage power for every home in Tynemouth. Each new Metro train will include two multi-use areas suitable for non-folding bicycles, children's buggies and luggage. Nexus also provides cycle parking in the form of pods or lockers at a number of Metro stations: details are available on www.nexus.org.uk/cycle - The North Tyneside Cycling Strategy and Cycling Design Guide set out how we will support everyday cycling, including delivering a 'tube map' of Strategic Cycle Routes with protected cycling provision, and wider improvements to create a network of local routes suitable for everyday cycling. Public consultation took place between May and July 2021 on proposals to deliver c.14km of key links in the borough: these include improved cycling provision on Strategic Cycle Routes including those into North Shields town centre; better cycling links to Metro stations; and improved crossing facilities. North Tyneside Council oversees the delivery of a wide range of sustainable travel activity in the borough. We deliver a range of national standard Bikeability cycling training modules in schools, and have developed our own programme Go Smarter North Tyneside (#GoSmarterNT) to promote sustainable and active travel in schools. Living Streets deliver the 'WOW' walk to school campaign at many of our schools. We worked with Sustrans to pilot the first School Streets scheme in the North East and now operate School Streets at four schools in the borough. We run an annual Summer of Cycling, which this year as as guided rides, cycle training and school holiday Bikeability, this included inclusive cycling sessions, using adapted bikes, suitable for all age groups.

In addition, we could like the Council to provide the following information:

(a) please confirm how many Town Councils and/or Parish Councils/Community Councils in your area have made Climate Change Emergency Declarations;

None. This is a unitary Local Authority.

(b) please provide the names and contact details of each of these;

N/A

(c) please confirm how your Council collaborates with each Town Council and/or Parish Council/Community Council;

N/A

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(d) please confirm which other community groups/organisations that you liaise and cooperate with that may have made a Climate Change Emergency Declaration and how your own declaration links with any other work; and

****The Authority does not hold this information.****

(e) please provide details of any other local community action your Council carries on to pursue any plans and commitments relating to your Climate Change Emergency Declaration.

****The Authority supports a range of community action relating to the climate emergency, including litter picks, park cleans, energy efficiency advice, recycling and waste minimisation awareness raising. It is not possible to provide full details within time constraints.****

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