



Reference: RFI 1801066

**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
  - 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.

Print Spend 19/01/17 to 18/01/18

	<b>AMOUNT</b>
OFFICE & REPROGRAPHICS EQUIPMENT.PHOTOCOPIERS & MFDS	£114,771.40
OFFICE & REPROGRAPHICS EQUIPMENT.LEASING	£14,948.12
OFFICE & REPROGRAPHICS EQUIPMENT.PRINTERS	£7,761.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>£137,480.52</b>

The expenditure shown above does not include the Print Room as this service is provided by Engie.

The Council outsourced a number of its central “back-office” services to ENGIE under a long term contract that commenced on 1st November 2012. The arrangement will last until 2022 but may be extended until 2027. As such this service is provided for the Council by ENGIE, which is a private company and as such is exempt from the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. The information requested is not the Council’s information.

- 3) The amount of recycling of paper from your offices.

14.33 tonnes of paper was collected for recycling from our offices in 2016/17.

- 4) Does the local authority have a target to reduce the use of paper - if so what is the current progress?

There is no target to reduce the use of paper in offices; however staff are encouraged to adopt a ‘paperless office’ approach wherever possible.

- 5) Does the local authority have a target to reduce their carbon footprint - if so what is the current progress?

Yes, the Low Carbon Plan sets a target to reduce the Council’s carbon footprint by 50% by 2027/28.

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At the end of 2016/17 the carbon footprint had reduced by 31% against a target of 26%.

It is projected that at the end of 2017/18 the carbon footprint will be reduced by 36% against a target of 28%.

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