



North Tyneside Council

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Request:

Freedom of Information Request

I would like to make a request for information pertaining to your energy supply contracts under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please would you provide me with the following information:

1. Who, in your organisation, is responsible for deciding how your energy is bought? Please provide the full name, title, email address and telephone number.

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2. For each of these commodities – electricity, gas and water – please can you answer the following questions:
 - a. What is your current contract term – start date (DD/MM/YYYY) to end date (DD/MM/YYYY)?

Details of the suppliers appointed for the supply of gas and electricity and the start and end date of the agreements can be found at the links below

<https://www.nepo.org/solutions/electricity>

<https://www.nepo.org/solutions/gas>

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- b. Do you have any options to extend? If so, what are they?

Yes, this will be based on contract review, performance and duration

- c. What is your termination notice period?

The termination requirement and the date at which a user of the framework must provide notice to exit the framework is commercially sensitive as it forms a Framework Agreement (a commercial agreement) between NEPO and the contracted suppliers. As this information contains confidential information and is commercially sensitive, disclosure would prejudice NEPO and the suppliers commercial interests as knowledge of termination clauses may allow competitors to focus their efforts around certain sites providing them with commercial advantage. Furthermore the termination requirements specifically designed by NEPO and then used in legal agreements have commercial value to NEPO in their own right. As a consequence, I have determined that the information requested is exempt from disclosure by virtue of Section 43(2) of the 2000 Act.

- d. Who is your supplier?

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<https://www.nepo.org/solutions/electricity>

<https://www.nepo.org/solutions/gas>

- e. How many meters do you have?

Gas 280
Electric 460
Water 350

- f. What is your annual spend?

Gas - £1,677,229.00
Electric - £2,972,542.00
Water - £1,428,000

- g. What is your consumption?

Gas - 63,854,516 kwh
Electric - 25053307 kwh
Water - 370,000 m3



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h. Do you currently procure your energy through a framework/PBO (Public Buying Organisation)? If so, which one?

The North East Procurement Organisation, (NEPO) implemented and operates our electricity and gas framework agreements. There isn't a water framework agreement. NEPO implement and operate our current water retail agreement with our default provider and will be responsible for undertaking our water retail competition in 2018.

- i. Do you use a consultancy to facilitate your energy procurement? No
- j. Are you happy with your supplier? Yes
- k. Are you happy with your PBO? Yes
- l. Are you happy with your consultancy? N/A
- m. What do you think makes a good Supplier? Promote good customer service and demonstrate they are providing value for money
- n. What do you think makes a good PBO? Energy category specialist, with a good knowledge with the procurement of energy

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