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## ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATION REQUEST 1568

I write further to your email dated 01 April 2021.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulation 2004 (EIR), explained on our [Environmental Information Regulation](#) page.

Your request:

1. Please confirm if the Road to Carbon Neutral Plan was approved by the Council. If not, will it be brought to the Council on a future date or is an alternative plan in development?  
*Yes, our zero carbon roadmap has been approved.*
2. Please confirm if the Council has successfully implemented any of the recommendations from the Roadmap. If so, did this require contracts with third parties to achieve?  
*Yes. Examples are that our electricity is now from a renewable source and we have installed some EV charging points in our car parks. Both of these examples involved third parties.*
3. Please confirm whether the Council plans to use carbon offsetting, either through purchased offsets or direct.  
*We plan to explore options.*
4. Please confirm whether the Council has plans to involve stakeholders in carbon reduction efforts.  
*Yes. We have two targets, to be a zero carbon council by 2030 and district by 2050.*
5. Please confirm whether the Council has plans to involve council employees, local businesses, residents or community groups in your efforts to reduce emissions. Additionally, are there plans to involve visitors or 'green tourism'?  
*Yes, although initially our focus is on our own operations. However, we are engaging with our residents as part of our recycle more programme and are currently undertaking a food waste trial. We have installed some air source heat pumps in our council housing. We are undertaking a cycling and walking strategy and we also run a free trees scheme.*
6. Please confirm whether the Council has plans to develop a Climate Adaption policy, specifically focusing on the issues of flooding and overheating.  
*Not currently.*

7. Please confirm how many Town Councils and/or Parish Council/Community Councils in your area have made Climate Change Emergency Declarations; and please provide the names and contacts details.  
*None to my knowledge.*
8. Please confirm how the Council collaborates with each Town Council and/or Parish Council/Community Councils.  
*Our community focus team works closely with each of our Parish/Town Councils. We have a Parish Council Liaison Group which meets quarterly.*
9. Please confirm which other community groups/organisations that you liaise and cooperate with that may have made a Climate Change Emergency Declaration, and how/if this is connected to your own Declaration.  
*None.*
10. 10. Please provide the details of any other local community action relating to your CCED.  
*None*
11. 11. In the Council's opinion, is there any additional support from central government that could assist local authorities in meeting their carbon neutral targets?  
**Funding:** *To support the transition from current to future solutions and adopt long term approach with funding and delivery timescales so that we can plan appropriately; provide grants to encourage residents and businesses to influence choices and drive change.*  
**Infrastructure:** *Provide infrastructure to enable local change and reduce the cost of change (eg electricity provision and growth).*  
**Policy & Standards:** *Improve building/planning policies and standards to shape the future development and drive energy efficiency across residential and commercial sectors.*  
**Skills & Training:** *Encourage, drive and support skills growth in new technologies to ensure the workforce is fit for the future and can support growth (eg ASHP/insulation etc to support GHG).*  
**Education/technical advice:** *To drive awareness, influence decision making and encourage uptake of new technologies by residents and businesses.*

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to [DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk) or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at [accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk](mailto:accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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