

29 June 2022



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information request ref CA170

Thank you for your request for information received on 30 May 2022. The response is given below:

Request 1

I would like information about your Council's Planning policy in relation to climate action. In particular, please supply me with information regarding:

- 1. What is the total number of directly employed staff and councillors in this council and*

Answer

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) does not have statutory planning powers. In 2020, the CPCA created The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate. A link to the website on the Independent Commission on Climate is below:

[Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate: Home \(hs-sites.com\)](https://www.hs-sites.com/)

At present, the Combined Authority has 83 directly employed staff.

The Combined Authority Board is chaired by the elected Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough and consists of the leaders of the seven constituent councils (Cambridge City Council, Cambridgeshire County Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, Peterborough City Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council), the chair of the Business Board and co-opted members: the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Police & Crime Commissioner and representatives from the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Fire Authority and the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Clinical Commissioning Group. The Combined Authority does not have its own councillors.

The councillors from the constituent councils attend the following meetings: CA Board, Audit and Governance Committee, Employment Committee, Housing and Communities Committee, Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Skills Committee, Transport Committee, Business Board. Further information can be found on the website (link below)

<https://cambridgeshirepeterboroughcagov.cmis.uk.com/Committees.aspx>

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Request 1a

1a. How many have received carbon literacy training in the last 3 years (from 1st January 2019 until today)?

Please provide the number of staff that have received carbon literacy project training and separately, the number of staff that have received other carbon literacy training (if relevant).

Answer

No employees have received carbon literacy training in the last 3 years. No councillors have received training from the Combined Authority, however, they may have received training from their own constituent council.

Request 2

2. How many Climate Change Officers (or similar) does the Council currently employ?

Answer

The Combined Authority employs a Strategic Planning Manager.

Request 2b

2b. What is the total number of staff that are employed by the Council to advise on climate change matters and/or implement the Councils' climate action plan?

Please list all these job titles for both these questions.

Answer

The Combined Authority employs a Strategic Planning Manager.

Request 3

3. How much budget has been given to the Climate Action Plan (in terms of writing and managing, not the specific projects) for the Council budget 2022/23?

Answer

£100,000 on climate activity.

Request 3b

3b. How much has been spent on projects to reduce Council only emissions since 1st January 2019 up until 1st June 2022?

Answer

Nothing has been spent on projects to reduce Council only emissions.

Request 3c

3c. How much has been spent on projects to reduce emissions across the whole of the authority area since 1st January 2019 up until 1st June 2022?

This may include, but should not be limited to, meeting minutes and other materials such as power point presentations considered by meeting participants, reports, spreadsheets, and relevant messages sent via tools such as WhatsApp, Slack, Yammer, or Signal.

I am interested in all relevant recorded information dated from 1st January 2019 to 1st June 2022.

Answer

The Combined Authority develops its transport portfolio and schemes utilising the government's approach to infrastructure. The Green Book is guidance issued by HM Treasury on how to appraise policies, programmes, and projects. It also provides guidance on the design and use of monitoring and evaluation before, during and after implementation. Appraisal of alternative policy options is an inseparable part of detailed policy development and design. This guidance concerns the provision of objective advice by public servants to decision makers, such as our members and within Whitehall.

The Combined Authority follows the Green Book guidance and covers (amongst others):

- policy and programme development
- all proposals concerning public spending
- appraisal of a portfolio of programmes and projects
- significant public procurement proposals
- major infrastructure projects.

As part of this approach due consideration is given to the whole life costs of schemes (including emissions).

The Combined Authority continues to develop schemes and initiatives that reduce and/or minimise emissions, through the promotion of sustainable transport solutions and active travel. The Local Transport and Connectivity Plan is currently out for public consultation [Home - Phase 2 - Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority \(yourltcp.co.uk\)](https://yourltcp.co.uk) and 2 of the 6 goals relate to climate and the natural environment.

Information on transport projects and schemes are submitted to the Transport Committee. Agendas, papers and minutes for the Transport Committee can be found on our website (link below):

[CMIS > Committees > Transport & Infrastructure Committee](#)

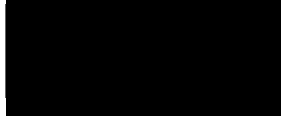
I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review, you should write to us via our contact us email address: democratic.services@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Mayor's Office, 72 Market Street, Ely, Cambs CB7 4LS within 40 days of the date of this e-mail.

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If you are not content with the outcome 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: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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