

Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority
Pathfinder House
St Marys Street, Huntingdon
PE29 3TN

24th January 2025

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Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Freedom of Information request ref CA378

Thank you for your request for information which was received on 10th January 2025.

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information relating to the Cambridgeshire Fens Climate Panel which was run by the The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission on Climate. I believe that as the combined authority that established this body, you may have the following information;

- 1) What was the budget for the Cambridgeshire Fens Climate Panel, and where did this funding come from?
 - **The Climate Panel was part of an engagement process undertaken in developing the Climate Action Plan. The Institute for Public Policy Research was commissioned to support that engagement at a total cost of £17,000. It is not possible to determine the exact proportion of that budget deployed to the Fens Climate Panel event.**
- 2) Were participants in the climate panel paid/renumerated for their time?
 - **No information is available on that question.**
- 3) The published report mentions an oversight board that was established, what was the specific role of this board?
 - **The role of the oversight board was to ensure that the design of the event was impartial, and that panel were provided with impartial expert advice to enable the panel to come to their own conclusions on the question asked.**

- 4) Did the panel take place online or in-person?
 - **The Panel took place in person on a Saturday and Sunday**
- 5) How was the question the panel discussed (how can responses to the nature and climate crises be fair for people in the cambridgeshire fens?') chosen or decided?
 - **The question was chosen by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Independent Commission for Climate**
- 6) How were the recommendations decided by participants? Did they vote or just discuss?
 - **The panel's recommendations were produced over the course of both days. Initial ideas were captured in small groups at the end of the Saturday and then finalised and added to by the whole panel (over the course of two group discussions) on the Sunday.**
- 7) For the final recommendations reached by the participants, if they did vote, how many took part in the voting?
 - **The final wording was agreed by the full panel (17 people) in plenary. There is no record of any specific voting arrangements**

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, 2nd Floor, Pathfinder House, St Mary's Street, Huntingdon, Cambs PE29 3TN within 40 days of the date of this letter.

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Yours sincerely



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