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### **(CCC) Energy costs**

Energy costs 1. Have your authority's electricity and gas bills increased since July 2021? 2. If so, by roughly how much? 3. Is this increase due to a higher rate per unit of gas and electricity charged by your energy provider, or for another reason? 4. Have you made any reductions to the provision of street lighting in your area since July 2021, or are you planning any reductions? Please specify the changes, if so. 5. If yes, is this because energy bills have risen? 6. Have you made any reductions to the provision of lighting or heating in any of your buildings, or are you planning any reductions? Please specify the changes, if so. 7. If yes, is this because energy bills have risen?

### **Response:**

Thank you for your request for information above, which we have dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I hope the following will answer your query:

1. Yes, for electricity.
2. Our January 2022 total electricity bill was approximately £15,000 more than our July 2021 bill (not accounting for seasonal differences).
3. Yes, due to a higher unit rate for electricity from October 2021.
4. Yes, we are planning to roll out LEDs to all Council street lighting. However please note Cambridgeshire County Council provide the majority of street lighting not the City Council.
5. It is due to our commitment to reduce the Council's carbon emissions.
6. We have plans to improve all our buildings including replacing heating systems with low carbon heating and lighting with LED.
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We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to [foi@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk)