

(CCC) Council Green Initiatives

I would like to request the following information about any eco-friendly steps your council is currently taking to reduce their carbon footprint on the planet and improve sustainable development within the area:

1. Does the council take any of its energy from on-site renewable energy installations? If so, which ones?
2. Are there any eco-friendly initiatives for staff members to partake in? E.g. green transport solutions, recycling initiatives. If so, please state them.
3. Who is the main energy supplier for local council buildings, and are you on a green/renewable energy tariff with them?

Response:

1. Does the council take any of its energy from on-site renewable energy installations? If so, which ones?

Yes – the council uses the energy generated from a number of renewable energy systems it has installed on its buildings, including a solar hot water system at Abbey Pool and solar photovoltaic (PV) panels at the following buildings: Guildhall, Mandela House, Crematorium, Clay Farm Community Centre, Abbey Pool, Cherry Hinton Village Centre, Kings Hedges Learner Pool, Parkside Pools, Brandon Court, Whitefriars Sheltered Housing, New Street Hostel and Waterbeach Depot.

2. Are there any eco-friendly initiatives for staff members to partake in? E.g. green transport solutions, recycling initiatives. If so, please state them.

The Council promotes a number of schemes and benefits included in its Employee Travel Plan. Staff can use the Council's pool bikes (2 of which are electric and 2 are electric cargo bikes) to travel for business purposes instead of using a vehicle. Staff can claim Cycle Mileage Allowance for business journeys made on bicycles. Staff can also use the Enterprise Car Club which operates in Cambridge, increasingly these vehicles will be required to be zero emission electric. The Council operates and promotes the Cycle to Work Scheme. Under the scheme staff can apply for a (pedal) bike up to the value of £700 and an electric bike up to the value of £1,000. All council offices and depots are provided with recycling facilities, and these are promoted to staff through regular internal awareness campaigns.

3. Who is the main energy supplier for local council buildings, and are you on a green/renewable energy tariff with them?

The Council's energy supplier is Total Gas & Power and the Council's electricity provided through their Pure Energy tariff comes from 100% renewable sources (solar, wind and hydro/ wave).

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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