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Dear Sir/Madam

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)
Request ID: REQ07417**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Climate Change

Your request:

- 1. What is the name of your Local Authority?**
Coventry City Council

- 2. Has your Local Authority made any local commitment similar to the national declaration of climate emergency?**
—Y—
b) No (Our Climate Change Strategy developed in 2012 showed our commitment towards tackling Climate Change).

- 3. If yes, when was it? Developed a climate change strategy in 2012.**
N/a – see question 2 response

- 4. Is your Local Authority signatory of the Covenant of Mayors?**
—Yes
b) No. We are member of EuroCities and a member of the CDP, where we were one of four UK cities assessed as A-rated.

- 5. Does your Local Authority have a designated department dealing climate action? If so, what is it? Who is the head of department?**

Yes, we have a designated department for Climate change and sustainability. Bret Willers, is the Head of Climate Change & Sustainability.

- 6. Does your Local Authority have a Climate Action Plan or any similar Initiative? If yes, please would you provide a link or send it to s5229782@bournemouth.ac.uk. (If the answer is “yes” go to question 10; if the answer is “no” go to question 7)**

- a) Yes
- No

The link to climate change strategy is as follows:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/4874/climate_change_strategy_for_coventry

- 7. If not, are there plans to create one? (If the answer is “yes” go to question 8, if the answer in “no” go to question 9)**

- a) Yes
- b) No

N/a – Please question 6 response.

- 8. If there are plans to create a Climate Action Plan, what is the current situation of these plans? _____**

N/a – Please question 6 response.

- 9. If there are no plans to create a Climate Action Plan, how is the Local Authority addressing the climate crisis, specifically the national plans regarding GHG emissions reduction? _____**

N/a – Please question 6 response.

- 10. Please could you send a link to any information about how your Local Authority plans to address GHG emissions, or email documents to s5229782@bournemouth.ac.uk.**

Please find links below:

Projects to address climate change in the City -

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/65/home_energy_and_warmth/177/tackling_climate_change/3

Further details about RESO

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/65/home_energy_and_warmth/3674/how_to_deliver_energy_to_coventry_in_a_carbon_neutral_world

Scrutiny paper outlining how Coventry will address climate change in the future – <https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=151&MId=12262&Ver=4>

11. If there is a Climate Action Plan or similar initiative, how far has the plan progressed? Please select all the options that apply.

d) Other – Review and development of a new Climate Action Plan is in progress which will be produced in partnership with a range of stakeholders across the City. Focus will be on City as a whole, rather than just Council operations.

12. To what extent do you associate the declaration of emergency (development of climate crisis plans or similar actions) to the increase in civil movements, such as the School Strike for the Climate and Extinction Rebellion?

- Not at all
- To a small extent
- c) To some extent
- To a moderate extent

13. To what extent do you associate the declaration of emergency (development of climate crisis plans or similar actions) to the publication of Specialists Reports, such as the one from Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change – IPCC (<https://www.ipcc.ch/sr15/>)?

- a) Not at all
- To a small extent
- To some extent
- To a moderate extent

14. Does your Local Authority have GHG emissions reduction targets?

- a) Yes
- No

15. If yes, what are the targets? How are they assessed?

The aim is to reduce emissions by 35% by 2020. This was achieved in 2015/16 year. This is assessed each year and presented in a Greenhouse Gas Report.

16. Is the Local Authority measuring GHG emissions?

- a) Yes
- ~~—No~~

17. If yes, what is the process employed to measure GHG emissions?

Latest GHG Report is available here:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/30528/coventry_city_councils_annual_ghg_report_201819

We are also assessed annually by the CDP (Carbon Disclosure Project). Last year Coventry was recognised as a global leader on climate action and transparency, achieving an A rating. To score an A, a city must have a city-wide emissions inventory, have set an emissions reduction target and Published a climate action plan.

18. Is your Local Authority Climate Action Plan/GHG emission reduction Plan or similar initiatives targeting the Local Authority's operations only or is it targeting the whole area?

~~—Both~~

- d) Other – The current plan is centred around local authority operations but the plan in development will be one for the whole City and look to have commitments and resources from key stakeholders across the City.

19. What are the sectors included in the Climate Action Plan/similar initiative regarding GHG emissions reduction? Please select all the options that apply.

~~—Waste~~

- h) Other – This will be confirmed with the development of the new strategy.

20. Are there priorities in GHG emission reductions policy? Please rank from the least prioritized sector (1) to the most prioritized sector (8):

We consider all these as important, and therefore have not prioritised sectors. We will focus on where resources can be most efficient and make the most difference. We currently have national funding from Innovate UK to undertake an analysis of all aspects of energy use, supply, distribution, trading, from buildings and

transport in order to understand the most efficient operative design for the future. This is a unique, first of its kind project in the UK.

| Sector | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | Not Applicable |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----------------|
| Building | | | | | | | | | |
| Energy Generation/ Distribution | | | | | | | | | |
| Heating/Cooling | | | | | | | | | |
| Waste | | | | | | | | | |
| Housing | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| LULUCF | | | | | | | | | |
| Other _____ | | | | | | | | | |

21. What are the main implementation hurdles faced by your Local Authority regarding GHG emissions reduction? Use 0 if the hurdle is not applicable. If the options indicated are not relevant hurdles, please indicate different options in the box “other”. Please rank from 1 (smallest hurdle) to 5 (biggest hurdle).

| Hurdles | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Insufficient Capacity/ Expertise | | 1 | | | | |
| Lack of appropriate funding | | | | | | 5 |
| Lack of jurisdiction | | | | | 4 | |
| Lack of support from central governance | | | | 3 | | |
| Lack of staffing | | | 2 | | | |

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|-------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Other | | | | | | | |
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22. Concerning challenges in the implementation of GHG emissions reduction/Climate Action Plan or other similar initiatives, rank the sectors that present more challenges, from the least challenging (1) to the most challenging (8).

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| Waste | | | | | | | | | |
| Housing | | | | | | | | | |
| Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| LULUCF | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | | | | |

23. Are these challenges addressed directly through actions in your Local Authority Action Plan?

Yes

24. To what extent do you think the COVID-19 pandemic will affect your Local Authority policies regarding Climate Action/GHG emissions reduction?

— Not at all

— To a small extent

— To some extent

d) To a moderate extent

_____extent

25. What are positive effects observed from the COVID-19 pandemic regarding the Local Authority Climate Action Initiatives?

Lots of these ideas are included within this report -

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/documents/s47500/Sustainability%20and%20Climate%20Change.pdf>

26. What are negative effects observed from the COVID-19 pandemic regarding the Local Authority Climate Action Initiatives?

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27. Does your Local Authority intend to change its current Climate Action Plans or similar Initiatives because of the effects of COVID-19 pandemic?

a) Yes – It's supported more ambitious plans

—No

28. If yes, what changes will be put into practice?

- Working from home policy
- Encouraging active travel (e.g. cycling, walking)
- More ambitious plans looking to partner with key stakeholders across the City.

29. What sector/s related to Climate Action Plan/GHG emissions reduction are more likely to be affected by changes in policies due to COVID-19?

- a) Building
 - b) Electricity Generation/Distribution
 - c) Heating/Cooling
 - d) Waste
 - e) Transport
 - f) Housing
 - g) LULUCF
- _____

30. Does your Local Authority have Carbon Offset Initiatives/Projects? (If the answer is Yes, "go" to question 32; if the answer is "no" go to question 31)

—Yes

b) No

31. If it does not, does it plan to have Carbon Offset Initiatives? (If the answer is "yes" go to question 32, if the answer is "no" go to question 44)

—Yes

—No

- c) Other – Council is in discussion about carbon offsets with further details still be announced and discussed. Preference will be given to addressing problem directly (e.g. improving energy efficiency and renewable) with carbon offsets a last resort. I have moved onto question 44 as the detail of the carbon offsets are not yet known.

32.If it has Carbon Offset Initiatives, how are these Initiatives put into practice?

- a) Forestry
- b) Waste
- c) Renewable Energy
- d) Energy Efficiency
- e) Other _____

33.Are the Carbon Offset Initiatives geographically based (only occurring in your local area)?

- a) Yes
- b) No

34.If not, please indicate where the initiatives are located. _____

35.Are the Carbon Offset Projects related to:

- a) Local Authority emissions
- b) Other sectors emissions
- c) Other (specify) _____

36.Are the Carbon Offsets related to:

- a) Direct emissions (scopes 1 and 2)
- b) Indirect emissions (scope 3)
- c) Both

37.What are the financing vehicles used for offsetting?

- a) Sale of carbon credits
- b) Direct purchase of carbon credits
- c) Dedicated framework

38.What is the source of financing?

- a) Fines/Taxes
- b) General budget
- c) Private capital
- d) Other

39. How is your Local Authority measuring the success of Carbon Offset Initiatives? Please could you send a link or material regarding this information to s5229782@bournemouth.ac.uk.

40. How much carbon emissions have been reduced through Carbon Offset projects? _____

41. Are the targets set for Carbon Emission Projects being met?

- a) Yes
- b) No

42. Is there a cap on how much carbon emissions can be offset?

- a) Yes
- b) No

43. If there is a cap, what is it? _____

In response to questions 32- 43 n/a, please see question 31 response.

44. To what extent do you believe the community should be involved in the Climate Action Plan/GHG emissions reduction plan/similar initiatives?

- Not at all
- To a small extent
- To some extent
- To a moderate extent

f) To a very great extent

45. Does your Local Authority communicate to your community about Climate Action/GHG emissions reduction?

- a) Yes
- No

46. What are the communication channels used by your Local Authority regarding climate change and the community (e.g. citizens' assembly, social media, website comment section, etc)?

- Social media
- Webinars aimed at businesses and residents
- Let's talk climate change pages https://letstalk.coventry.gov.uk/climate_change
- Consultation of the strategy (before fully developed)
- Press
- Broadcast media including community radio stations
- We are also investigating more innovative methods of comms and marketing.

47. To what extent do you believe your local community is already engaged in Climate Action?

- Not at all
- To a small extent
- To some extent
- d) To a moderate extent
- _____
- _____

48. Since your Local Authority declared climate emergency (or similar commitment), to what extent has the role of the community in tackling climate crisis increased?

- a) Not at all
- b) To a small extent
- c) To some extent
- d) To a moderate extent
- e) To a great extent
- f) To a very great extent

N/a

49. With what actors does your Local Authority engage in relation to Climate Action/GHG Emissions reduction plans? Select all that apply

- a) Local Business
 - b) Citizens
 - c) NGOs
 - d) Citizens' groups
 - e) National Business
- _____

50. Is your Local Authority working with non-government actors in Climate Action/GHG emissions reduction Initiatives?

- a) Yes
- No

51. If yes, what are the Initiatives? Please could you send links or information to s5229782@bournemouth.ac.uk.

Please see the following links:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/65/home_energy_and_warmth/177/tackling_climate_change/3

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/65/home_energy_and_warmth/177/tackling_climate_change/7

52. If there is anything you want to add, please feel free to do so. Please let us know if you need further info.

53. Thank you for your participation!

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Yours sincerely

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