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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI330286415

Thank you for your request for information relating to old technology.

You have requested the following information:

May we please ask under FOI for details about old technology and what is currently happening with the old technology at your organisation:

1. How many computer users there are at your organization in total, where the old computer and other technology and electronic items are going when they are replaced by newer items and what percentage is going to help those in the local UK community that can not afford computers ?

There are 4,500 computer users. We operate on a 4 year EUD refresh cycle. All old equipment is donated as part of our community donation scheme which is run twice a year

2. Our previous FOI and researched showed that many public organisations sell their old tech to scrap companies and the markets for old tech scrap are generally abroad for scrap contractors used by council and other large organisations including schools with one scrap company alone stating that they export over 50,000 computer items per month. -Therefore, may we please ask for the information/data on your plans to comply with the UK climate

change act and deal with scope 3 emissions from transport during the export of containers overseas ? May we also ask for any data held regarding emissions and particular scope 3 emissions relating to old technology from your organisation.

For our old laptops we run a community donation scheme - use the link below:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/363/community_resilience/3352/community_and_voluntary_sector_

We securely wipe the data and make the laptops available to this scheme.

Where laptops are not suitable for this scheme we have recycling arrangements with our main ICT Hardware Contract with CDW.

The vast majority of our laptops end up going to the community donation scheme.

3. May we also please ask, what you currently have in terms of outdated, unplugged, or unused no longer needed laptops, computers, or other electronics in your storage that we can collect for our long-standing local-focused UK solution that helps homeless youth in need, care leavers, pensioners who can not afford a computer, refugees and others disadvantaged people and if not would it be possible to put a date in the diary for the next collection please ? May we suggest 5th, 6th or 10th May 2021 for the next collection

We do not have any equipment that can be collected as its allocated to be used as part of our community donation program.

4. If the council / organisation has recently changed its policy to allow local reuse and access to local organisations to its old still usable tech, may we please ask: how can we also be added to this list of organisations that the equipment to 'offered to before disposal' and receive equal treatment as those organizations ?

The community donation program is not donated to organisations on a list to issue out, the scheme requires local organisations, charities, churches etc and local groups to put forward a request for computers outlining how they will be used and the benefit they will provide to the group.

5. If the council / organisation has a listing of organisations on its website that can collect old still usable items for the UK community we would appreciate equal treatment and kindly request to be added to that list - our details and website address are below.

There is no list of organisations that can collect old kit except the councils preferred ICT recycling company for kit that is end of life, non working, damaged and beyond economical repair.

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Yours faithfully

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