

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200034**
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Department: **Other**
Title: **Climate change impact**
Description: **Details of risk assessments of the potential impact of climate change on the Council services and area as well as actions taken to tackle climate change since 2017.**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Dear Sir/Madam

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. Please provide any risk assessment or impact assessment carried out by the council relating to the potential impact of climate change on the council and its services and/or the council area
2. Please provide details of any of the following measures that the council has adopted since 2017 or is considering adopting, in relation to any area, in order to tackle climate change and/or reduce air pollution:

- congestion charging/road charging
- restrictions on private car usage in certain areas (e.g. town centres) and/or at certain times, , where this is in response to climate change or air pollution
- restrictions or increased charges for car parking in certain areas (e.g. town centres) and/or at certain times, where this is in response to climate change or air pollution
- financial inducements to people to switch from using private cars

Please note that the measures in question 2 relate to tackling climate change or reducing air pollution - therefore measures solely to raise revenue do not count.

I would like the information sent electronically.

Yours sincerely

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

1. The Council has declared a climate emergency in September 2019. We are aware there are impacts but to date we have not completed a service by service risk assessment or impact assessment relating to the potential impact of climate change on the council and its services and/or the council area
2. A cross-party member and officer working group has been set up to explore ways we can help reduce our carbon footprint and mitigate climate change. An action plan has been developed to

achieve our climate change agenda objectives. We have not yet implemented any of the measures you have listed since 2017.

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services