

## EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-406, please find your question and our response below.

## Request:

- How much has the council spent on developing a net zero strategy?
- What steps is the council taking to reduce carbon emissions to reach net zero?

## Response:

The Council does not have a separate budget, or any direct expenditure occurred, on a 'net zero strategy'. However, the Council does have a budget of £100,000 for climate and nature recovery purposes, and from such budget an annual Environment Plan is prepared, within which is a 'net zero strategy'. It is not possible to determine a financial figure for the preparation of that Plan, which is produced in house by staff, but as an estimate it would be a very small proportion of the overall £100,000 budget. The rest, and vast majority, of the budget is spent on delivering the actions as set out in the Plan.

The steps the Council is taking to reduce carbon emissions is set out in that annual Environment Plan, available here: https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/climate-change/what-are-we-going-do

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-406.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

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