

**FOI Reference Number:** FOI/334/1920

**Date:** 10 January 2020

**Request:**

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1. How the council is performing against its carbon reduction & energy efficiency targets within the last 3 years?
2. How much the Council has had to pay within the last 3 years in penalty payments for not meeting the targets set by the Climate Change Act (2008), if at all?
3. How much the Council has invested into energy efficiency projects within its building stock within the same period, by type of project.

**Response:**

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 09 December 2019. Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response in relation to your request.

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***The qualification year for determining whether CRC (Phase 2) applied to organisations was based on electricity consumption for the period 01 April 2012 and 31 March 2013. This did not apply to Council and therefore Council were not issued targets. The Council is committed to reducing its impact on the environment and sets its own annual objectives and targets for environmental and energy management.***

1. How the council is performing against its carbon reduction & energy efficiency targets within the last 3 years?

***Mid and East Antrim Council does not have carbon reduction & energy efficiency targets under the CRC scheme, however Council sets its own energy targets as part of our accreditation to ISO14001:2015 which includes a commitment to:***

- ***Preventing pollution through efficient energy management, waste minimisation and efficient resource consumption;***
- ***Continual environmental performance improvement through setting and achieving realistic objectives and targets;***

***Copy of the full environment policy and objectives are available at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/council/policies-and-documents/policies/environmental-policy>***

***Council measures its carbon footprint annually and publishes an annual Environment report, also available at above link for the past three years.***

2. How much the Council has had to pay within the last 3 years in penalty payments for not meeting the targets set by the Climate Change Act (2008), if at all?

***None.***

3. How much the Council has invested into energy efficiency projects within its building stock within the same period, by type of project?

***Council have no set budget for investment into energy efficiency projects, but energy efficient equipment is installed in all new projects in minor and capital projects. In addition Council have a programme in place to replace lighting and boilers with LED lights and energy efficient boilers.***

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/334/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information

Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.