



My Ref: EIR 6335
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Environmental Information Regulations 2004

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I understand from today's Chronicle that a spending review is under way into net zero / climate change.

I would like to request all documents held by the council related to the review into net zero, spending on climate change, sustainability or related activities since 7 May including, but not limited to:

- **terms of reference**
- **commissioning documents**
- **briefing papers**
- **spending schedules**
- **correspondence between cabinet and officers on this topic**

No terms of reference, commissioning documents, briefing papers, specific budgets or correspondence between cabinet and officers is held by the council. As such the council applies Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Could you further provide documents related to the renaming of 'Climate Change and Sustainability' team to 'Infrastructure and Energy Security' team, including but not limited to the following:

- **William Brown mentions in the chronicle that there had been 'discussions with officers' - any documents, emails, briefing notes, or records related to this meeting/s**
- **Communications with staff on this change**
- **Decision record or similar authorising the change**

Discussions on the matter were held in person, there is no recorded information documenting these discussions. Staff were briefed on the changes in person, again no recorded information is held documenting this. No formal decision record or authorisation of the change is recorded. As such the council applies Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

With regard to emails, this information is exempt from disclosure under Regulation 12(4)(e) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 as it would constitute the disclosure of internal correspondence. It is essential that officers and elected members have a safe space to discuss live issues freely without the risk of external interference and/or distraction.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact Information Requests Via email.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

Barnsley MBC
Information Requests Team
PO Box 634
Barnsley
S70 9GG
email: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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