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<b>RESPONSE SENT:</b>	23/06/2025

## Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am writing to request information regarding your local authority's approach to fleet decarbonisation, carbon reduction initiatives, and related funding and infrastructure developments.

This information will be used as part of academic research into the challenges and progress of local authorities in transitioning to low and zero-emission fleet operations.

Responses are anonymous/confidential and individual respondents will not be identified by name or organisation in the final report.

By completing and returning the questionnaire it will be understood that you are aged 18 or over and that you give consent for your responses to be used for the purposes of this research project.

Please provide answers to the following questions, grouped for clarity using the **attached spreadsheet** if possible, please:

### 1. Organisational Profile (Contextual Data)

- Does the authority contract out services for the collection of waste and recycling?
- Which political party currently holds overall control of the authority?
- What is the current total number of employees in the organisation?
- What is the approximate size of the population served by the authority?

### 2. Policy and Governance

- Does the authority have a formal carbon reduction plan or strategy?
- In what year was this strategy adopted?
- What is the authority's declared net zero target date?

### 3. Technical and Infrastructure

- What percentage of the fleet were EV or hybrid vehicles in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25?
- What was the total number of fleet vehicles (diesel, petrol, hybrid, and electric) in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25?
- Has the authority implemented the use of low carbon fuels (e.g., HVO)? If so, what year did this begin?



d) What percentage of the fleet used low carbon fuels in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25 since implementation, if applicable?

#### **4. Financial and Economic Implications**

a) What was the total capital expenditure on low/zero-emission (EV/hybrid) fleet vehicles in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25?

b) What was the level of financial reserves (in £) held by the authority in each financial year from 2019/20 to 2024/25?

c) Has external or grant funding been used to purchase low carbon or zero carbon vehicles, or implement EV charging infrastructure?

### **Response**

#### **1. Organisational Profile (Contextual Data)**

a) The council have contracted Biffa to carry out services for the collection of waste and recycling across the Winchester district.

b) Liberal Democrats

c) 461

d) 127,500 (as of the 2021 census)

#### **2. Policy and Governance**

a) The council has adopted an updated Carbon Neutrality Action Plan (CNAP) 2023-2030 which sets out the key pathways and activities required to achieve our 2030 district carbon neutrality target.

b) The council adopted its updated Carbon Neutrality Action Plan (CNAP) 2023-2030 on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

c) In June 2019, the council declared a Climate Emergency and set itself an aim to be carbon neutral as a district by 2030.

#### **3. Technical and Infrastructure**

a) Please see below the percentage of the council's fleet that is electric for financial years 2019/20 – 2024/25:

2019/20 – No data

2020/21 – 16% of the council's fleet is electric

2021/22 – 16 % of the council's fleet is electric

2022/23 – 32% of the council's fleet is electric

2023/24 – 40% of the council's fleet is electric

2024/25 - 45% of the council's fleet is electric

b)

2019/20 – No data

2020/21 – 11 Diesel, 5 Petrol, 0 Hybrid, 3 Electric

2021/22 – 8 Diesel, 7 Petrol, 0 Hybrid, 3 Electric

2022/23 – 9 Diesel, 4 Petrol, 0 Hybrid, 6 Electric

2023/24 – 10 Diesel, 3 Petrol, 2 Hybrid, 10 Electric

2024/25 – 9 Diesel, 2 Petrol, 1 Hybrid, 10 Electric

c) Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil (HVO) as a replacement for diesel fuel in the waste and recycling fleet has been introduced from June 2024. This is an interim solution while other net zero solutions are explored.

d) N/A

#### **4. Financial and Economic Implications**

a) Nil

b) This data is published annually within the council's Annual Financial Report. See link here: [Annual Financial Report - Winchester City Council](#)

c) No

