

61208 Lobbying for Climate Action and Funding

I would like information about your council's lobbying work in relation to climate action for the Council Climate Action Scorecards.

In particular, please supply me with information relating to the following questions:

Has the council written to or met with UK, national or devolved governments to ask or lobby for climate action since 1st January 2024?

Yes.

Please provide some evidence of the most recent letter or meeting such as a copy of the letter or email sent, or the date, topic of meeting and position of the person that the meeting was held with.

This includes either asking for more powers and funding for local authorities to take climate action, or asking for the government to take further action themselves.

This includes working with other local authorities to send joint letters or meetings to lobby UK or devolved governments, and includes both general climate action and calls for action on specific issues such as transport where climate change is mentioned as a motivating factor for taking action.

This includes if a cabinet member or other councillor has written to or met with the UK or devolved governments on behalf of the council.

Please refer to the attached documents.

The City of Edinburgh Council also recently submitted a response to the Scottish Government's consultation on the draft National Climate Change Plan 2026-2040, which called for greater clarity on how the national plan is to be delivered. Our draft response can be seen in our committee papers at:

<https://democracy.edinburgh.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=135&MId=7665>

Please refer to 'Late Reports'.

As part of this process, we also submitted evidence to the Scottish Parliament's Local Government, Housing and Planning Committee. Our evidence submission can be found on their website at:

https://yourviews.parliament.scot/session-6/148c9b2d/consultation/view_respondent?uuld=477813953