

14th December 2010

Dear

Freedom of information request in respect of Display Energy Certificates

Thank you for your letter dated 7th December 2010, for request under the freedom of information act of all buildings within the Authority that meets the criteria specified in the regulations for the Display Energy Certificate.

Stroud District Council is part of The Eco Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS), a voluntary European initiative designed to recognise and reward organisations that go beyond minimum legal compliance and continually improve their environmental performance. Stroud District Council has chosen EMAS as the best management tool to allow us to limit our environmental impact and improve upon our environmental performance.

EMAS uses ISO 14001 (International Standards Organisation) as its management system but goes beyond this by requiring organisations to involve employees at all levels, demonstrate continued compliance to environmental legislation and provide regular information about their environmental performance to the public in the form of this annual EMAS Statement.

The Council has been registered under the Scheme (EMAS) since 1999; it was one of the first councils to achieve this European standard. EMAS, which is only awarded after an external and independent assessment, has allowed us to demonstrate our continuing commitment to improving our environmental performance. In 2007 we adopted a 20 year Environmental Strategy. We have focused on those things that will help us 'live within environmental limits'. At the heart of the strategy are five priorities for action.

- **Sustainable consumption and production** – 'More for less'
- **Climate change and energy** – 'Confronting our greatest threat'
- **Protecting our natural resources and enhancing the environment** – 'Clean, green and safe'
- **Creating sustainable communities** - 'From local to global'

The Council recognises that it has an impact on the environment through the services it provides and that it has direct powers and responsibilities to encourage and where necessary enforce good environmental practice.

Leading by Example

- Deliver annual Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) registration and a Carbon Management Programme and 'Green' Travel Plan that are designed to deliver a 35% reduction in council emissions
- Against a 2007/08 baseline to have reduced the council's direct operational carbon emissions by 16%

Stroud District Council's Environmental Policy 2010

Stroud District Council is committed to continuously improving the environment by reducing pollution and mitigating the impacts and adapting to the effects of climate change while encouraging and supporting others to do the same, for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors to the Stroud District.

The Council has direct powers and responsibilities in planning and land use, environmental health, waste management, housing, leisure and economic development. It is also a significant resource user and employer. It therefore recognises that its operations and service delivery have a major impact on the environment.

Stroud District Council will achieve its commitment by maintaining an environmental management system – currently EMAS (Eco-Management and Audit Scheme) and ISO 14001- to continuously monitor progress. The Council will also ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation, guidance and best practice principles to fulfil its statutory environmental responsibilities. In this respect the Council will specifically endeavour to:

- Reduce the Council's own consumption of natural resources and energy and encourage others to do the same
- Support environmental initiatives that improve health and well being
- Prevent environmental pollution and reduce emissions of CO2 and other greenhouse gases from council buildings, operations and activities
- Reduce the environmental impact of our supply chain and encourage and where possible require our suppliers and contractors to minimise the environment impact of their goods and services
- Reduce the volume of waste generated both by the Council and within the District
- Increase the amount of renewable energy generated within the district
- Protect, conserve and enhance our natural environment and its biodiversity whilst improving our parks and open spaces, public rights of ways and green corridors
- Plan and adapt the district to the effects of climate change
- Encourage a sustainable built environment through good planning policies and effective application of building regulations

- Minimise the environmental impacts of travel by developing sustainable travel solutions
- Provide information and support to both the public and staff to encourage interest in environmental matters In order to achieve this, the Council will operate an environmental management system that will be integrated into the corporate management framework and which will:
- Apply to all activities undertaken by the Council, including contracted out services as new contracts are negotiated
- Set objectives and implement action programmes in order to minimise the negative environmental effects and increase the positive effects of the Council's activities

Please see a list of all the Authorities buildings that fits within the criteria;

Stroud District Council

Council Offices ; Ebley Mill ; Westward Road; Stroud; Gloucestershire GL5 4UB
 Certificate Reference Number – 0706-1030-0583-0090-6201
 Advisory Report Reference Number – 0760-2030-0583-0090-7295
 Date of issue 11/10/2008 and Valid until 10/10/2015
Date and rating 12/08/2009 – 96 D

Museum In The Park

Stratford Park ; Stratford Road ; Stroud ; Gloucestershire ; GL5 4AF
 Certificate Reference Number – 0109-0305-2310-6790-5803
 Advisory Report Reference Number – 0220-5071-0221-5730-3090
 Date of issue 23/02/2009 and Valid until 23/02/2016
Date and rating 09/12/2009 – 88 D

Subscription Rooms

George Street ; Stroud ; Gloucestershire ; GL5 1AE
 Certificate Reference Number – 0143-1080-0982-0490-6901
 Advisory Report Reference Number – 9920-1099-0228-4480-4034
 Date of issue 14/12/2008 and Valid until 13/12/2015
Date and rating 12/08/2009 – 71 C

Dursley Pool

Castle Street ; Dursley ; Gloucestershire ; GL11 4BS
 Certificate Reference Number – 0970-0711-1950-4604-8006
 Advisory Report Reference Number – 0714-2060-0985-0790-7895
 Date of issue 13/10/2008 and Valid until 12/10/2015
Date and rating 11/02/2010 – 70 C

Stratford Park Leisure Centre

Stratford Road ; Stroud ; Gloucestershire ; GL5 4AF
 Certificate Reference Number – 9956-1049-0705-0200-0225
 Advisory Report Reference Number – 0956-2049-0785-0290-1291

Date of issue 1/11/2008 and Valid until 18/11/2015
Date and rating 09/02/2010 – 76 C

Many Thanks

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