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**Your ref:**  
**If calling ask for:** Steven Hardman  
**Phone:** 0303 123 1015  
**Date:** 30 July 2021

Dear Mr Freel

**Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)**  
**Request for Information – Electric Vehicle Purchase / Lease**

I refer to your information request received by the Council on 28 June 2021 in which you ask for the following information:

- a) Number of electric vehicles in fleet prior to financial year 2020.
- b) Number of and types of electric vehicles purchased or leased in the financial year 2020-2021
- c) Departments using electric vehicles
- d) Cost of the purchase or lease for (b) above
- e) Number of electric vehicles currently in operation and those that have not been put into operation yet.
- f) Infrastructure being put in place or already in place for charging vehicles.

I apologise for the delay in responding to your request.

**Response to Requests**

The Council has searched its records and has located the information that you have requested. This information is provided below.

- a) The number of electric vehicles in fleet prior to financial year 2020 was 37
- b) In 2020-2021 there were 141 cars leased, 1 sweeper purchased and 1 bus purchased and in 2021-2022 the Council leased 34 small vans.
- c) Electric vehicles are used across the whole Council as they are a part of the Council's fleet of pool cars.

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- d) The cars leased in 2020-2021 cost £2,415 per annum per vehicle; the bus that was purchased in 2020-2021 cost £165,389 and the sweeper purchased in 2020-2021 cost £261,777. The small vans leased in 2021-2022 cost £2,409 per annum per vehicle. All leased assets were procured through the Scottish Governments Switched On Fleet funding scheme, which provides funding to Scotlands' Councils to increase the number of ultra low emission vehicles operated in Scotland, and the purchased assets were partly funded via this initiative.
- e) There are currently 98 electric vehicles in operation and 106 that are not yet in operation.
- f) The infrastructure which is already in place is detailed in the attached spreadsheet, in addition, there are currently works ongoing to install 30 charging points at Douglas Street car park and 16 charging points at Montrose Crescent car park.

Please note that the vehicles that are not yet in operation were ordered in early 2020 and intended to replace the Council's existing fleet of diesel powered pool cars. However, from March 2020 the restrictions due to Covid-19 meant that the pool car fleet could no longer be used as intended and plans to install the charging infrastructure was put on hold due to construction limitations and resource issues within various supply chains. We are now in the final stages of installing the charging infrastructure which, when complete, will enable all the electric vehicles to be put into use across a range of Council services. The Council is committed to achieving its carbon reduction targets through a range of initiatives including the transition to electric vehicles.

### **Request for review**

The Council has a Review Panel to deal with complaints from people who are not happy about the way that it has handled their request. Staff not involved in the original decision will handle any review. If you want to complain, you can ask the Review Panel to look at the way that we have dealt with your request. It will consider whether we have complied with the requirements of the legislation. Please note that if you wish to complain, you must do so by 30 September 2021. You must explain why you are not happy when requesting a review.

Please note that the Review Panel cannot look at any decisions taken by the Council or actions of the Council or any of its employees or a service provided by it that are not connected to the handling of your request for information.

You should send your request for a review to:

Mr. W. Dunn  
Information Compliance Manager  
Finance and Corporate Resources  
Floor 11, Council Offices  
Almada Street  
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Alternatively, you can request a review at [foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk](mailto:foi.reviews@southlanarkshire.gov.uk).

### **Appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner**

If you are not happy with the outcome of the review, you can appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. The Commissioner will decide whether the Council has dealt with your request properly. Please see the Commissioner's website at [www.itspublicknowledge.info](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info) for further details.

Yours sincerely

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