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The changemaker's toolkit

Free tools & services to supercharge your work

What brought you to this session today?



MPs Lords Debates Written Answers Bill Committees Recent Votes Upcomin



Democracy: it's for everyone

You shouldn't have to be an expert to understand what goes on in Parliament. Your politicians represent you... but what exactly do they do in your name?

TheyWorkForYou takes open data from the UK Parliament, and presents it in a way that's easy to follow – for everyone. So now you can check, with just a few clicks: are They Working For You?

Find out more about TheyWorkForYou \rightarrow





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What postcode should I use?

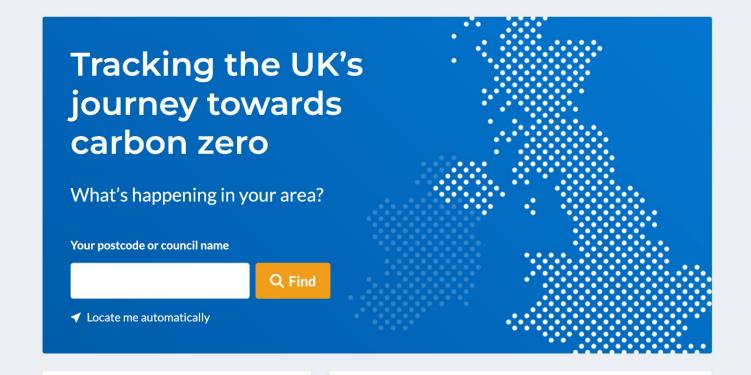


TheyWorkForYou & WriteToThem

- See what MPs say and do in Parliament.
- Subscribe to keyword email alerts.
- Contact your MP and/or local councillors.

Case studies

- TheyWorkForYou alerts are helping keep prisoners informed
- Stop the bombing of civilians, with WriteToThem



78% of councils have a plan

The UK's open database of council climate action plans

Search for a phrase across all plans



Advanced filters =

SINGLE TIER

COUNCILS PLAN SCORECARD

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Food, farming and climate action plans





Comments Off

Sustain is the Alliance for Better Food and Farming, working to create a better food system for people and the planet.



Like mySociety, the charity has identified local government as an area where meaningful change can be achieved — and they've been using CAPE, our climate action plans explorer tool, to help them bring it about.

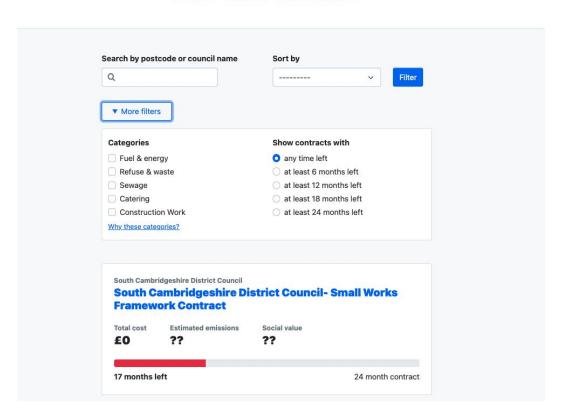
CAPE & Council Climate Plan Scorecards

- Discover what your council is doing on climate.
- Compare council climate action across the UK.
- Search using keywords or explore by theme.
- Download the data, and dive deeper!

Contract Countdown

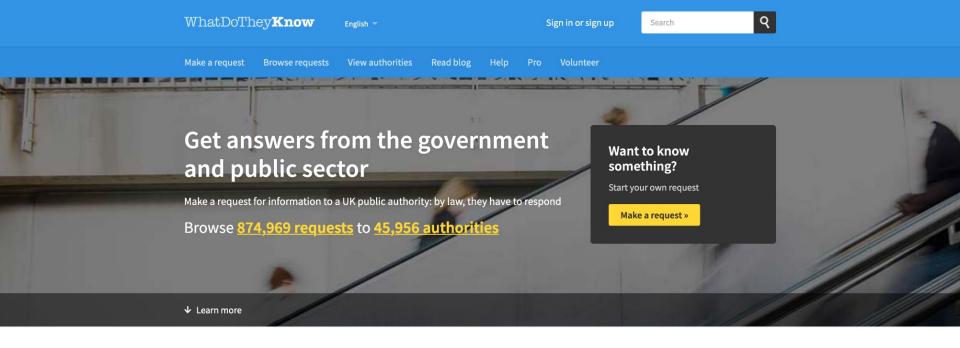
Together we can spot expiring contracts from UK local authorities, to make sure they're replaced with something better!

Contracts Email alerts Why does this matter?



Contract Countdown (sneak peek!)

- Are the search and filtering options useful?
- Are email alerts helpful?
- Are the suggested next steps sensible?
- Are the case studies valuable?



How it works

You have the **right** to request information from any public body, and get answers. WhatDoTheyKnow helps you make a Freedom of Information request for free. It also publishes all requests online.

Use this site to make your request for information – we'll show you how.

We'll drop you an email as soon as your request gets a response.

We publish it all online. Great! Now you have your answer, and everybody else can access it too.

WhatDoTheyKnow

- Submit Freedom of Information requests to public bodies like government departments, local councils, schools, and universities.
- See what other people have already requested.
- Get help when your request is refused.

Case studies

- Freedom of Information as a tool for making cycle routes more accessible
- A change in the law for school starters in Scotland through FOI
- Publicly owned Northern Trains Limited wanted to keep its Managing
 Director's £245-250k salary a secret
- FOI reveals that Higher Education Institutes spend more than £330 million on access to research journals
- How local newspapers uncover council spending using FOI