



**Freedom of Information Request: 11435**

**Directorate: Resources - ICT**

**Response Date: 24/05/2021**

**Request:**

Request for information regarding – Old Computer Equipment

We have read in the media recently about the need for devices in the local UK communities for disadvantaged people. May we please ask under FOI for details about old technology and what is currently happening with the old technology at your organisation:

1. In particular, how many computer users there are at your organization in total, where the old computer and other technology and electronic items are going when they are replaced by newer items and what percentage is going to help those in the local UK community that cannot afford computers?
2. Our previous FOI and research showed that many public organisations sell their old tech to scrap companies and the markets for old tech scrap are generally abroad for scrap contractors used by council and other large organisations including schools with one scrap company alone stating that they export over 50,000 computer items per month. -Therefore, may we please ask for the information/data on your plans to comply with the UK climate change act and deal with scope 3 emissions from transport during the export of containers overseas? May we also ask for any data held regarding emissions and particular scope 3 emissions relating to old technology from your organisation.
3. May we also please ask, what you currently have in terms of outdated, unplugged, or unused no longer needed laptops, computers, or other electronics in your storage that we can collect for our long-standing local-focused UK solution that helps homeless youth in need, care leavers, pensioners who cannot afford a computer, refugees and others disadvantaged people and if not would it be possible to put a date in the diary for the next collection please? May we suggest 5th, 6th or 10th May 2021 for the next collection?
4. If the council / organisation has recently changed its policy to allow local reuse and access to local organisations to its old still usable tech, may we please ask: how can we also be added to this list of organisations that the equipment

to 'offered to before disposal' and receive equal treatment as those organisations?

5. If the council / organisation has a listing of organisations on its website that can collect old still usable items for the UK community, we would appreciate equal treatment and kindly request to be added to that list - our details and website address are below.

### Response:

1. Pembrokeshire County Council currently have 2400 computer users. Currently all devices are recycled with an accredited recycling company.  
0% is currently going to help those in the local UK community that cannot afford computers due to Data Protection Legislation (see question 3).
2. Pembrokeshire County Council are awaiting reporting requirements yet to be introduced by the Welsh Government as part of its [ambition for a carbon neutral public sector by 2030](#). The Welsh Government are preparing a Greenhouse Gas reporting methodology for the public sector in Wales which is expected to capture scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.
3. None at present. Any equipment that we have has generally reached EOL and to comply with Data Protection Legislation we destroy the hard disks rendering the device unusable.
4. The Policy has not changed.
5. Pembrokeshire County Council do not currently have a list of organisations on our website.