

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA080720-7252

27 July 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 8 July 2020. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

May we please ask under FOI for details on the policy about old technology and what is currently happening with the old technology from the council and from the educational institutions you are funding.

- 1) In particular where the old items are going ?*
- 2) what percentage is going to help those in the local community that can not afford computers.*
- 3) when the contract / arrangements are up for review.*
- 4) Please provide information how your institution is addressing Scope 3 Carbon Emissions in relation with old technology as per our other 3 questions below. Further information on this can be found in this recent Bloomberg report below:
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-06-29/here-s-how-to-tell-green-good-deeds-from-greenwashing-quicktake>*

Please find below our response with the information we hold within the scope of your request:

The GLA does not have a specific policy. The decision to donate old equipment to charity was made by the authority's Transformation Board. Equipment that can be reused will be provided to a London-based charity (SocialBox). Any equipment that cannot be reused will be disposed of in an environmentally sustainable way.

- 1) We send our old equipment to SocialBox
- 2) No information held
- 3) No information held
- 4) We have been reducing the amount of on-site storage by moving more services into cloud-based storage. When we replace older devices we ensure that those older devices are provided to local charities. We include low carbon emissions as part of the criteria for

selecting equipment and systems. We configure our systems so that they stop running when not in use

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA080720-7252.

Yours sincerely



Information Governance Officer

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