



1. On average, how many planners at senior or management level did your local authority employ in the financial years (a) 2017/18, (b) 2019/20, (c) 2021/22 and d) 2023/24? This would include senior/principal planners, team leaders and chief planners/heads. If not able to express as an average, perhaps you could confirm the headcount at a specific date or at year-end.

Q1

In responding to this question, the answers provided below are taken from the Council's Development Management and Planning Policy Services, with 'senior or management level' taken to mean 'Principal' level or above in relation to the structures of these Services.

- A. 2017/2018 = 9
- B. 2019/2020 = 11
- C. 2021/2022 = 10
- D. 2023/2024 = 12

2. How many ecologists does your local authority currently directly employ? As well as ecologists/senior ecologists, this would include planning ecologists and biodiversity officers.
3. What are the job titles of the ecologists the local authority currently directly employs?
4. How many ecologists left their role between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024?
5. On average, how many ecologists did your local authority directly employ in the financial years (a) 2017/18, (b) 2019/20, and (c) 2021/22? Again, if not able to express as an average, perhaps you could confirm the headcount at a specific date or at year-end.
6. On average, how many ecologists at senior or management level did you directly employ in (a) 2017/18, (b) 2019/20 and (c) 2021/22? Again, if not able to express as an average, perhaps you could confirm the headcount at a specific date or at year-end.

Q2-6

In regard to ecologists, the Council utilises the services of the Greater Manchester Ecology Unit (GMEU), which is operated through Tameside Council.