



Display Energy Certificates

How tadea can help you with yours



An obligation – and an opportunity

Display Energy Certificate (DEC)

Every public building with a gross internal area of 1,000 m² or more is legally required to show a Display Energy Certificate (DEC) which must be renewed annually.

In the current climate this may seem yet another drain on already stretched budgets. The reality, however, is very different. The certification process and accompanying advisory report invariably leads to energy savings and efficiencies which outweigh the cost of certification.

Display Energy Certificates in detail

DECs promote the improvement of energy performance of buildings with public access – including schools, libraries, council offices, leisure centres and hospitals. They help to raise public awareness of energy use and inform visitors to public buildings about the energy use of the building.

DECs provide an energy rating of a building from A to G where A is very energy efficient and G is the least efficient.

DECs are always accompanied by an advisory report containing recommendations for improving the building's energy performance. The advisory report must be reviewed and renewed every seven years.

The relatively low cost of an assessment from tadea could potentially save as much as £1500 in penalties.

Take it forward with tadea

Since tadea was established in 2002, we have built an impressive reputation for the delivery of trusted and impartial sustainable services to many individuals, businesses and other organisations in the public and private sector – as well as private householders.

Working with some of the most forward thinking local authorities and major companies, we have an established track record as a key player in business and consumer engagement leading to effective carbon reduction outcomes.

Our purpose is to provide expert advice, project management and delivery of services in sustainable energy, carbon reduction and tackling climate change and fuel poverty.

Our accredited assessors can evaluate and produce new or renewal DEC's for buildings of all sizes. Our service includes a high quality, detailed report with additional tailored guidance on improvements that can help make premises more energy efficient.

Our after-care service can support you to implement the recommendations made in your report and review your progress. It's just one example of how we go the extra mile to help our clients achieve a sustainable future.

Darlington's DEC story

Darlington Borough Council has a stock of 48 buildings with public access. They include schools, sports and leisure centres, theatres and cinemas. They have a major responsibility to ensure each of these buildings has a DEC.

The council is often asked how a particular school is performing in terms of energy expenditure and needs to respond in a timely and accurate manner.

Following a tendering exercise, the council selected tadea to provide the DEC service.



Darlington Borough Council receives data from the utility companies in the form of gas, water and electricity bills. However, the council has no easy way to interpret the data, identify trends or spot errors.

tadea on the case

The council's data was passed to tadea, where it was analysed, questioned, processed and interpreted as user-friendly charts and graphs before being returned to the council. This allowed for easy and immediate ways to understand how the money was being spent on utilities.

Trends and possible billing errors were identified and the council now meets its obligations to have a DEC for each of its public buildings. Furthermore, it can now respond accurately to requests for information about their energy expenditure.

Benefits of working with tadea

tadea are independent assessors and Darlington Borough Council can safely state that they have no influence over the results. The council considers that tadea's service is a cost-effective solution to a legal requirement that enables them to understand their energy expenditure.

Ross Harwood from Darlington Borough Council said, *"tadea are asking the questions that need to be asked to protect us. We have a good working relationship and expect to be more involved with tadea when the legislation changes again in the future"*.

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