

What Benefit?

What does the Log Book offer the building owner/operator right now? The answer is given through a realistic appraisal of performance within your business that could be affected by not having key information about your buildings. The benefits of having this information to hand include:

- **Having a record of energy performance to challenge the running of the building and record improvements.**
- **To support document control and inform the user where key information is to be found.**
- **To provide information to tenants as to how to use the building in the most energy efficient way.**
- **To reduce risk of key information about the operation of the building being lost through a change in maintenance or facilities management and staff.**
- **To record key findings of other building compliance and performance improvement activities.**
- **To clearly identify shortfalls in the building design, construction or operation.**
- **To provide an executive summary to building owners.**
- **To provide a quick-reference document to contractors new to site.**

If you truly want to understand how your building operates, there is no more efficient method than creating a Building Log Book

How Much and How Long?

The production of a Log Book depends on three main factors:

1. The scale of the building
2. The number and complexity of the energy systems
3. The availability of information and the ease with which it is obtained.

These determine the duration of the work which can be as short as 3 days for a simple and small office to over 10 days for large transport interchanges. This would mean the cost of producing a Log Book ranging from £1,500 to £5,000 depending on what would need to go into it and what ongoing work would be produced from it. Evidence has shown however that the savings it can produce if utilised properly can mean that the investment is paid for between 1-2 years.

For further reading go to

http://www.simenergy.co.uk/building_logbooks.html

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