

Carbon emissions report 2013 - 2014

The city council has adopted the cities carbon reduction targets in the environment and climate change strategy 2010-2020. The council is aiming to reduce its carbon emissions by 34 – 45 per cent by 2020 from a 2005 baseline. The data in this report though has a baseline of 2007/8 because this is the date we have accurate information across our buildings and transport. Previous to this date information is only available for our buildings.

The data in the tables covers the council's emissions from 95 per cent of our buildings, including schools and streetlighting and 100 per cent of our staff mileage in their own cars while undertaking council business.

Climate change poses a significant risk to the city council and its administrative boundary. The council has recognised these risks and they are an increasing part of the councils risk assessment process. The council has entered into several working relationships with lead companies in carbon reduction technologies and solutions. We are embarking on a re fit project for 10 of the council's highest energy consuming buildings as well as pursuing wider energy reducing work across our portfolio of buildings.

In the last two years we have invested in photovoltaic installations at one of our libraries and car park to reduce energy use from the grid and carbon emissions. We also have an extensive programme of secondary school refurbishment which has seen the installation of biomass boilers.

GHG emissions data for period 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014

	Global tonnes of CO2e		
	2013-2014	2012-2013	2007-2008 (base year)
Scope 1	20,246	22,519	24,599
Scope 2	28,598	29,273	29,699
Scope 3	774	618	683
Total gross emissions	49,618	52,410	54,981
Carbon offsets	0	0	0
Green tariff	0	0	0
Total annual net emissions	49,618	52,410	54,981

Company information

Hull City Council is a Unitary Local Authority responsible for the geographical area of the city of Hull. The authority is based at The Guildhall, Alfred Gelder Street, Kingston upon Hull HU1 2AA. Questions about this data can be emailed to climate.change@hullcc.gov.uk

Reporting period

This report covers the period 1 April 2013 – 31 March 2014.

Change in emissions

The emissions have decreased by 5.3 per cent from last year's total emissions and represent a 9.7 per cent reduction from our baseline year of 2007/8.

Approach

We have followed the government's guidance on how to measure and report greenhouse gas emissions.

Organisational boundary

The emissions are those generated as a direct result of the activities of the city council in the delivery of its local authority function including emissions from schools.

Operational scopes

We have measured our scope 1, 2 and significant element of scope 3.

		GHG emissions 2013 - 2014 in tonnes of CO ₂ e	State specific exclusions and per cent that this represents for relevant scope (excluding geographic exclusions)
Scope 1	Gas consumption	16,555	
	Liquid fuel	477	
	Solid fuel	368	
	Biomass	85	
	Fleet transport	2,761	
	Process emissions	0	
	Fugitive emissions	0	Excluded, due to cost of data collection.

			These are expected to be <0.1% of total Scope 1 emissions
	Total scope 1	20,246	
Scope 2	Purchased electricity	28,598	
	Total scope 2	28,598	
Significant scope 3	Business travel	774	
	Employee commuting	0	Not recorded
	Waste disposal	0	Not recorded
	Total significant scope 3	774	

Base year

We have established a baseline year of 2007/8 for reporting under this framework. While the council has accurate data for emissions from its buildings back to 2000 this level of data is not available for our grey fleet and therefore would not provide an accurate baseline year across all Scope's using this framework.

Targets

Our emissions reduction target is to reduce our carbon emissions by 34-45 per cent by 2020 from a 2005 baseline across the Scope elements recorded above.

Intensity measurement

We have used the Department of Climate Change approved methodology for establishing the carbon intensity of the different fuel types used by the council. We have expressed this in tonnes of carbon.

External assurance statement

We have not undertaken an external assessment of our carbon emission declaration.

Carbon offsets

The council has not purchased any carbon credits for its emissions during the period of the report.

Green tariffs

The council has not purchased any of its energy from green tariffs during the period of the report.