

Coventry City Council

Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report

2013/14

1.0 Introduction

Coventry City Council aims to significantly reduce its carbon emissions and by example lead local residents, businesses and organisations towards the goal of a low carbon city. In order to achieve this we participated in the Carbon Trust's Local Authority Carbon Management Programme. Our carbon management plan aims to reduce carbon dioxide emissions from Council operations by 30% from our 2008/9 baseline year levels in five years. For more information on how Coventry City Council has reduced our carbon dioxide emissions please visit our [tackling climate change](#) pages on our website.

The carbon footprint calculated for the baseline year (2008/09) was 33,952 tonnes CO₂e (carbon dioxide equivalent) and included all of scope 1 and scope 2 emissions from our operational properties and vehicle fleet and our significant scope 3 emissions including the council's main outsourced services.

This report provides the 2013/2014 financial year Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from Coventry City Council estate and operations and follows guidance provided by DEFRA (Department for Food, Environment and Rural Affairs) on how to measure and monitor greenhouse gas emissions.

At the end of this year the results are a decrease of 6,894 tonnes CO₂e in scope 1 and scope 2 emissions from the baseline figure. This is equivalent to a reduction of 26.7%.

2.0 GHG Emissions report for the period 1st April, 2013 - 31st March 2014

GHG emissions data for period 1 st April 2013 to 31 st March 2014			
	Tonnes of CO ₂ e		
	2013/14	2012/13	Base Year 2008/9
Scope 1	6,760	7,742	8,344
Diesel	3,117	3,093	3,539
Gas Oil	326	349	901
LPG	124	33	0
Natural Gas	3,150	4,212	3,720
Petrol	44	54	184
Scope 2	12,142	15,748	17,452
Total Scope 1 and 2	18,902	23,490	25,796
Scope 3	5,362	5,456	8,156
Business travel	610	888	1,055
Outsourced services	4,752	4,568	7,101
Total gross emissions	24,265	28,946	33,952
Carbon offsets	0	0	0
Total annual net emissions	24,265	28,946	33,952
Intensity measurement 'Tonnes of CO ₂ e per FTE	3.91	4.61	4.51

- We include the following GHG in our direct carbon footprint: carbon dioxide (CO₂), methane (CH₄), nitrous oxide (N₂O). Emissions from all of these gases are expressed as CO₂e emissions.
- Data on gas, electricity and fuel consumption from operational buildings, and street lighting is based upon actual meter readings and/or utility bills.
- For Business travel a mix of known activity data and extrapolation has been used to calculate our business travel footprint. A cost per mile rate has been calculated, based on known activity data, for Air, rail, bus and taxi travel. These rates have been applied to journeys where activity data is lacking.
- Outsourced services include public museums, arts and sports centres where the Council provides support or significant levels of funding. Energy consumption data provided by these organizations is sense checked against previous years' consumption data.

3.0 Supporting Information

3.1 Organisation Information

Coventry City Council is responsible for providing a wide range of services to people who live within the City, to people who visit the City, and to businesses and other organisations based in Coventry. It currently serves a population of 323,000 (2012) and has approximately 4,800 employees.

3.2 Reporting Period

1st April, 2013 to 31st March, 2014

3.3 Changes in Emissions

Scope 1 and scope 2 emissions show a decrease of 6,894 tonnes CO₂e from the baseline figure. This is equivalent to a reduction of 26.7%.

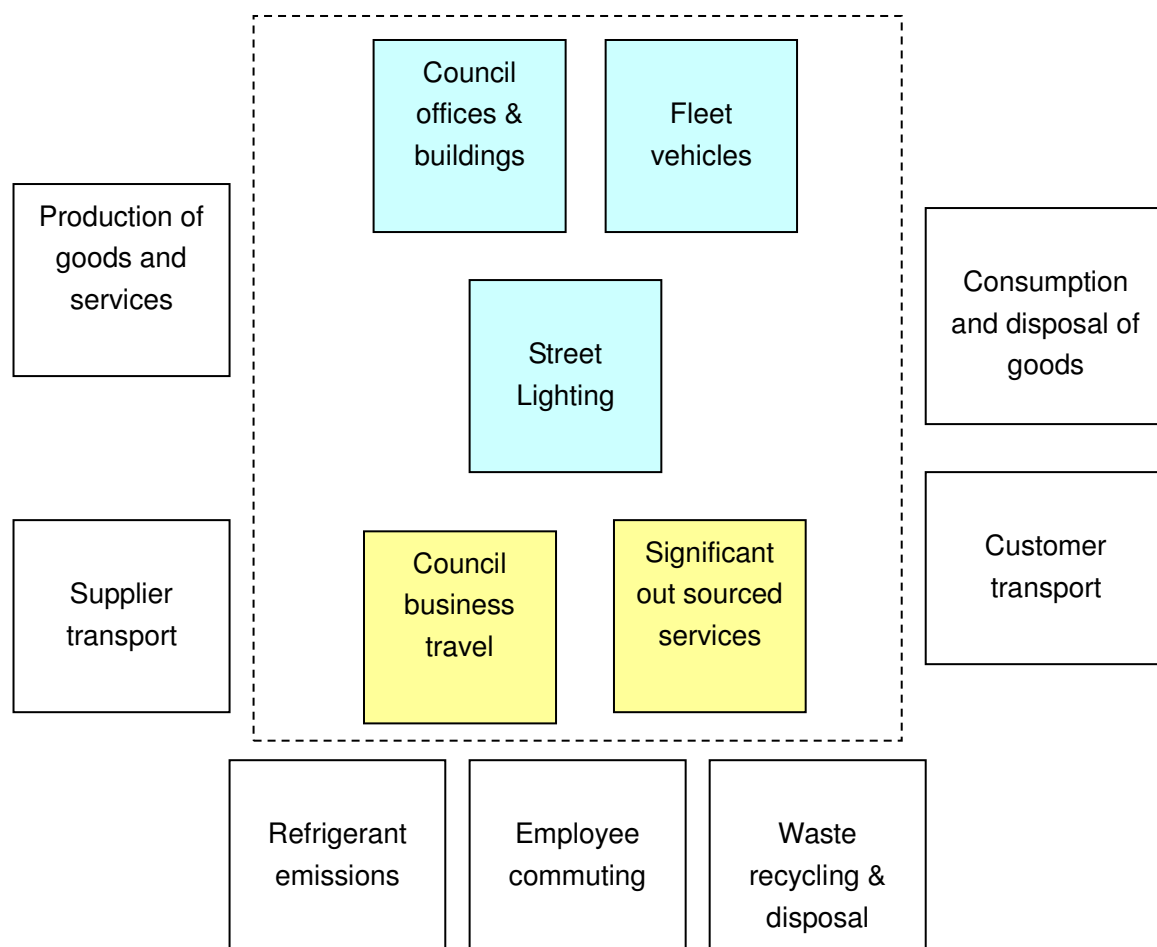
Scope 1 and scope 2 emissions show a decrease of 4,588 tonnes CO₂e from the previous year 2012/13. This is equivalent to a decrease of 19.5%.

3.4 Approach

We have followed the latest Defra / DECC's guidance on how to measure and report greenhouse gas emissions.

3.5 Organisational Boundary

We have used the Financial Control approach as recommended within the DEFRA guidance. All operational and non-operational buildings have been included in line with this approach. This year schools have been removed from the scope of our Greenhouse Gas Emissions report. The baseline has been adjusted to take account of removing schools.



Footprint Boundary - - - - -

Scope 1 & 2 emissions

Scope 3 emissions

The diagram above shows the boundary of Coventry City Council's carbon footprint. Our carbon footprint covers GHG emissions from:

- gas, electricity and other fuel consumption from our operational buildings,
- fuel consumption from our fleet vehicles,
- electricity consumption from street lighting,
- gas, electricity and fuel consumption from our significant outsourced services,
- business travel by our employees, where paid for by Coventry City Council, including travel by air, bus, rail, pool cars, private cars used for business purposes and taxis.

3.6 Geographical Breakdown

All of our services are carried out within the UK.

3.7 Baseline Year

For the Council's total GHG emission, the baseline year is 2008-09.

3.8 Target

We have a 30% reduction target over 5 years from the baseline year.

3.9 External Assurance

We have not sought external assurance over our reported emissions.

3.10 Carbon Offsets

We have not purchased any carbon offsets.

3.11 Green Tariffs

We do not consume energy from green tariffs.