



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Report of: Councillor Dr Peter Moseley

Cabinet Member for Commercial
and Operations



Climate & Carbon dashboard 2020/21

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Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

- 1. To note the contents of the annual summary of South Kesteven District Council's reported carbon footprint for 2020/21.**

1 Background

- 1.1 South Kesteven District Council made a formal declaration of climate emergency on 26 September 2019 with cross party support. Alongside this, the Council confirmed the political ambition to reduce the organisation's carbon footprint by at least 30% by 2030, and to endeavour to become net-zero as soon as viable before 2050.
- 1.2 In order to monitor and manage the Council's carbon footprint, it is recommended to publish an (at least annual) update on reported carbon emissions.
- 1.3 This carbon dashboard includes the full scope of South Kesteven District Council's carbon emissions for the 2020/21 financial year.
- 1.4 The reported carbon footprint shows an overall reduction in carbon emissions of almost 25%, compared to the baseline year of 2018/19. Further detail is included within the included carbon dashboard.

2 Financial Implications

- 2.1 There are no specific financial comments arising from the report. Council has approved a specific climate change reserve to support the delivery of agreed initiatives.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Assistant Director of Finance and s151 Officer

3 Legal and Governance Implications

- 3.1 As part of good governance, it is important that Members are updated on the Council's carbon emissions in order to monitor progress against the declared reduction target.

Legal Implications reviewed by: Mandy Braithwaite, Legal Executive

4 Equality and Safeguarding Implications

- 4.1 None.

5 Risk and Mitigation

- 5.1 None.

6 Community Safety Implications

- 6.1 None.

7 How will the recommendations support South Kesteven District Council's declaration of a climate emergency?

- 7.1 Monitoring the Council's carbon emissions is an essential component of understanding progress towards the declared carbon reduction target of at least 30% by 2030 and help to highlight areas which see a reduction or increase in carbon emissions.

8 Other Implications (where significant)

- 8.1 None.

9 Appendices

- 9.1 Climate and carbon dashboard for 2020/21.