



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**



Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Councillor Mark Whittington, Cabinet
Member for Waste and Climate
Change

Climate and carbon dashboard for 2021/22

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Purpose of Report

The climate and carbon dashboard provides an overview of South Kesteven District Council's operational carbon emissions for the 2021/22 period, alongside further information detailing carbon emissions from the wider district.

Recommendations

That the Committee:

- 1. Notes the reported carbon emissions for the 2021/22 period which cover operations from South Kesteven District Council**
- 2. Continue to support and develop initiatives to reduce carbon emissions from Council operations**

Decision Information

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| Does the report contain any exempt or confidential information not for publication? | No |
| What are the relevant corporate priorities? | Clean and sustainable environment High performing Council |
| Which wards are impacted? | All |

1. Implications

Taking into consideration implications relating to finance and procurement, legal and governance, risk and mitigation, health and safety, diversity and inclusion, safeguarding, staffing, community safety, mental health and wellbeing and the impact on the Council's declaration of a climate change emergency, the following implications have been identified:

Finance and Procurement

- 1.1 There are no direct finance or procurement implications from the report. Any projects and initiatives to reduce carbon emissions and seek financial support will need to be considered on a case by case basis.
Richard Wyles, Chief Finance Officer

Legal and Governance

- 1.2 As part of good governance, it is important that Members are updated on the council's carbon emissions and on progress towards the declared carbon reduction target for council operations.
Mandy Braithwaite, Legal Executive

Climate Change

- 1.3 The climate and carbon dashboard sets out the emissions reductions seen in the 2021/22 financial year. There is an overall reported reduction in the year of 14.23% against the baseline. Further attention should be given to the key emissions categories to ensure a downward trajectory in carbon emissions to reach the target of at least 30% by 2030.

2. Background to the Report

- 2.1 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.

- 2.2 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. This carbon dashboard includes the full scope of South Kesteven District Council's carbon emissions for the 2021/22 financial year, against the Council's baseline year of 2018/19.
- 2.3 The reported carbon emissions for 2021/22 show an overall reduction against the baseline of 1082 tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), or 14.23%. Further detail reporting specific categories of carbon emissions (including consumption of gas and electricity, operation of leisure centres and operation of a vehicle fleet) can be seen at Appendix 1.
- 2.4 As well as detail on carbon emissions emanating from Council operations and leased assets, the climate and carbon dashboard also provides high level information on CO₂e emissions arising from the district of South Kesteven as a whole.
- 2.5 Further information is also provided on use of electric vehicle charging points installed in a number of the Council's managed car parks.

3. Key Considerations

- 3.1 The report provided is for information rather than decision. Members are asked to take note of the reported emissions and associated emission categories.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1 There is no statutory obligation to monitor or report on carbon emissions which arise from Council operations. Nevertheless, regular review of carbon emissions is considered good practice to monitor progress against the Council's declared target to reduce carbon emissions.

5. Reasons for the Recommendations

- 5.1 The report is provided for information to track progress towards the Council's declared carbon emissions target.

6. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1: Climate and carbon dashboard for 2021/22.