

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change

BENCHMARKING BROXTOWE BOROUGH COUNCIL'S OWN OPERATION SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to employ a consultant to undertake Scope 3 benchmarking for Broxtowe Borough Council's own operations.

2. Recommendation

Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that a consultant is appointed to undertake Scope 3 carbon emissions benchmarking and calculations, based on the information provided in the confidential appendix. A one-off revenue development budget is required for this purpose and will be funded from General Fund Reserves in 2023/24.

3. Background

In 2009, the Council commissioned a baseline study to establish its carbon emissions. After the declaration of the Climate Emergency in July 2019, a further study by the was undertaken. This was to determine the level of progress achieved from the implementation of the first carbon management plan back in 2009.

Both studies focused on Scope 1 and 2 emissions, with an element of Scope 3 (business travel). Currently, the Council have committed to become carbon neutral by the end of 2027, but to enable the establishment of a net zero target, all of the Council's Scope 3 (indirect) emissions must be calculated. This is one of the strategic aims, as set out in the Climate Change and Green Futures Strategy.

Scope 3 emissions are complex and typically make up 80% of an organisations carbon footprint. They are categorised as follows in table 1 below.

Scope 3 Categories	Scope 3 Categories
Purchased Goods and Services	Downstream leased assets
Capital Goods	Investments
Fuel and Energy related activities	Business Travel (already calculated)
Upstream transportation and distribution	Employee commuting
Waste disposal and water use	Upstream leased assets

Table 1: Scope 3 categories only applicable to the Council

The Council has obtained quotes to undertake the consultancy work. The Council seeks to work with a consultancy firm that is already familiar with the workings of the Council and are able to complete the benchmarking by the end of March 2024.

Further detail can be found in the confidential appendix.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

These have been detailed in the confidential appendix.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

6. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

Not Applicable

7. Union Comments

The comments from the Union were as follows:

Not Applicable

8. Climate Change Implications

Comments are contained within the report.

9. Data Protection Compliance Implications

The appendix to this report is not to be published by virtue of Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

10. Equality Impact Assessment

Not Applicable

11. Background Papers

Nil