

Rother District Council

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| Report to: | Climate Change Steering Group |
| Date: | 26 October 2023 |
| Title: | Operational Annual Carbon Emissions Report 2022/23 |
| Report of: | Elize Manning, Project Officer (Environment) |
| Ward(s): | All |
| Purpose of Report: | To present to the Climate Change Steering Group the Council's Operational Annual Carbon Emissions for 2022/23. |
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| Recommendation(s): | It be RESOLVED : That the Operational Annual Carbon Emissions Report 2022/23 be noted. |

Introduction

1. The Operational Annual Carbon Emissions Report 2022/23 is the first annual emissions report of Rother District Council, at Appendix A. The report outlines the Council's Scope 1 and 2 emissions, as well as Scope 3 emissions where such data is available.
2. The annual data for 2022/23 is presented within the report alongside that of the previous year, as well as the Council's baseline year (2019/20), in line with the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs' recommended protocols for greenhouse gas emissions reporting.

Details of the report

3. The report shows the Council's Gross operational emissions in 2022/23 to be 1,359.9 Tonnes of Carbon Dioxide equivalent (TCO₂e), which is 15.4% lower than the baseline year.
4. Once the 100% renewable energy tariff and solar generation are considered, net emissions can be seen to have reduced by 20.8% since the baseline year, to 1,268.8 TCO₂e.
5. Net emissions for Scopes 1 and 2 (the activities over which the Council has direct influence) were 86.7% lower in 2022/23 than 2019/20. This is due to a significant reduction in the Council's consumption of electricity, particularly within administrative buildings, coupled with the switch to a 100% renewable energy tariff in November 2021.
6. Over 90% of the Council's 2022/23 emissions arose from Scope 3, which includes activities that produce indirect emissions over which the Council has little control, including outsourced services.

7. The largest contributors to 2022/23 operational emissions were the fleet of the Joint Waste Contract, at 821.5 TCO_{2e}, followed by gas and electricity consumed by Leisure Centres, at 298.2 TCO_{2e}.

Conclusion

8. The report is presented to the Climate Change Steering Group for the annual emissions data to be noted.
9. It is intended that future operational annual carbon emissions reports will follow the same format.

Implications

10. The Annual Carbon Emissions Report 2022/23 contributes to the evidence base that has been used in the Council's revised Climate Strategy and Climate Action Plan, due for publication by the end of 2023.

| Other Implications | Applies? | Other Implications | Applies? |
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| Human Rights | No | Equalities and Diversity | No |
| Crime and Disorder | No | Consultation | No |
| Environmental | Yes | Access to Information | No |
| Sustainability | Yes | Exempt from publication | No |
| Risk Management | No | | |

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| Appendices: | A – Operational Annual Carbon Emissions Report 2022/23 |
| Relevant previous Minutes: | None |
| Background Papers: | None |
| Reference Documents: | None |