

1. What is the most recent data on emissions and reductions by reference to scopes 1 to 3? Please provide this in ktCO₂e and, as applicable to reductions in emissions, expressed as a percentage figure.

[Appendix A - Annual Progress Report on the Climate Crisis 2021-22.pdf \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

For the 2021/22 financial year, organisation emissions stood at:

Scope 1: 13.5ktCO₂e (8.4%)

Scope 2: 5.8ktCO₂e (offset via 100% REGO backed green electricity tariff) (3.6%)

Scope 3: 141.6ktCO₂e (88%)

It is not possible to provide a percentage in emissions reductions from the previous year as we are working to more accurately account for emissions each year, which will result in emissions appearing to rise as we account for greater detail and further processes and operations.

2. Have the remaining 4 action plans been drafted/completed? When may the public expect to be able to access them? If any have not been drafted, please provide an explanation as to why.

[Our Built environment Action Plan 2021-2026 \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

[Our Natural environment Action Plan 2021-2026 \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

[Appendix A - Our Sustainability and Consumption Action Plan.pdf \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

[Our Communities & Wellbeing Action Plan 2021-2026 \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

3. When may we expect the first annual GHG report? Why has this not yet been published?

[Annual Progress report on the climate crisis 2020-2021 \(wigan.gov.uk\)](#)

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4. Has the Council implemented any of the offsetting measures mentioned in the OCCS? Why, specifically, does the Council not view offsetting as important as direct interventions?

The Council has progressed measures set out within the offsetting section of the Outline Climate Change Strategy, in line with the Our Natural Environment Action Plan. However, there is caution with regards to local authorities utilising offsetting as opposed to directly targeting emissions reductions primarily, and then understanding what remaining emissions require to be offset. Wigan Council have adopted this approach and worked with the Blueprint Coalition to support their guidance on Council offsetting in 2022. Wigan Council are also working alongside a number of other authorities on the Anthesis project regarding Authority Based Insetting, to better understand how to deliver environmental projects that can be utilised as offsetting targets.

In addition we would like the Council to provide the following information:

- a) please confirm how many Town/Parish/Community Councils in your area have made Climate Change Emergency Declarations;
- b) please confirm how your Council collaborates with each of these councils; and
- c) how does the Council's CED link with the those of the smaller councils provided in (a)?

The Climate Emergency Declaration relates to the whole borough, therefore all wards and parish councils aim for the same target of Net Zero Carbon by 2038 or sooner.

"Both Shevington and Haigh Parish Councils are provided with the opportunity to meet with the Council's Chief Executive and members of the Senior Management Team on a quarterly basis, during which members of either party have the ability to discuss items deemed relevant by, or to, either party.

The agendas and minutes of both the full Council and its committees meetings are published on the Council website, to which the Parish Councils have access and are able to examine, to inform discussions at the aforementioned quarterly meetings, or at the individual meetings of the Parish Councils.

The Council's 'Audit, Governance and standards Committee' also has a Co-opted Member, from Haigh Parish Council.

For more information in relation to Parish Councils, their composition and remit, please visit: [Parish councils \(wigan.gov.uk\)](http://wigan.gov.uk)"