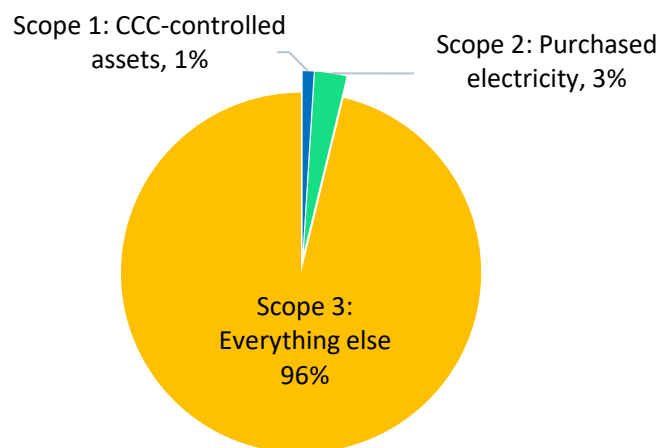


## A Charter for Climate Change

Cambridgeshire County Council declared a Climate and Environment Emergency in 2019. Since then the Council has developed a [Strategy](#) to achieve Net Zero across the County by 2045, one of the key milestones will be achieving a Net Zero Council by 2030. Through practical action we aim to reduce carbon emissions, generate income and deliver our services without damaging the natural environment. We want to ensure the environmental impact of the Council's procurement of goods, services and works is minimised in line with our response to the climate crisis.

Carbon emissions are broken up into three scopes: 1, 2 or 3.

We estimate that 96% of our emissions are scope 3. These are emissions from vehicles not under Council control (such as employees' own cars), county waste disposal and treatment, Local Authority maintained schools' energy, agriculture on the County Farms estate and crucially **from purchased goods and services**.



That is why it's important that we procure our goods, services and works from suppliers who are as committed as we are to achieving Net Zero. And that is why we ask all our suppliers to:

- Know the impact your organisation has on the environment.
- Have an Environmental Policy that sets out your commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2045 supported by a realistic and detailed plan for reducing negative environmental impacts.
- Ensure that your environmental impact is measured, regularly reported and overseen at the highest level within your organisation.
- Have carbon reduction targets that focus on the areas that will have the biggest impact for example travel, building operation.
- Work with your supply chain to understand their environmental impact and support them to mitigate or offset that impact.

To support you and in order to ensure that we achieve our Net Zero targets, colleagues in commercial and procurement roles will:

- Know the climate/environmental impact of the goods, services and works they procure.
- Work with their suppliers to reduce the negative climate and environmental impacts of their contracts.

For all new procurements, commercial and procurement colleagues will:

- Engage with the Climate Change team to ensure that the procurement requirements are consistent with our Net Zero targets.
- Ensure that market engagement activity is clear about the importance of climate change and our Net Zero targets and use that market engagement to understand how suppliers can support the achievement of those targets.
- Ensure that specifications are clear about how Net Zero targets are expected to be achieved through the delivery of the contract.
- Ensure that contract performance management targets include relevant climate change requirements and actively monitor the achievement of those targets, including provision of carbon footprint data for the service/goods being procured.