



REPORT TO: Climate and Environment Advisory Committee 19 November 2019

LEAD OFFICER: Director of Health and Environmental Services

Provisional Greenhouse Gas Emissions Accounts for the Council's Estate and Operations, 2018-19

Executive Summary

1. This report provides the Committee with provisional Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions accounts for the Council's estate and operations for 2018-19. It is provided to the committee for information.

Details

2. Provisional annual GHG emissions accounts for 2018-9 for the Council's estate and operations are provided in Appendix 1. They have been drawn up according to principles and procedures as outlined in the latest Environmental Reporting Guidelines issued by the Government's Departments for Environment, Farming and Rural Affairs, (DEFRA), and Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS). As such, they aim to be relevant, quantitative, accurate (insofar as this is practical), complete (with any exclusions specified, disclosed and justified), consistent, comparable and transparent.
3. In line with the Guidelines, the accounts include emissions from the estate and operations owned and controlled by the Council. Full details of inclusions and exclusions are included in the report, but the following are highlighted:
 - a. Emissions from the Council's housing stock are excluded because the Council does not control energy use from these properties, (nor does it have access to this data).
 - b. Emissions from around 1800 street lights owned by the Council, and defined as 'footway lighting', are included in these accounts, on the grounds that they are owned and controlled by the Council, (although energy costs for these are paid for by parish councils). Data for 2018-19 was not available at time of writing this report, and therefore data for 2017-18, provided by contractors, has been used instead.
4. The accounts are provisional. Arrangements are being made for the methodology used in these accounts to be verified externally. Once this has taken place, the accounts will

be checked by the Council's internal auditors, at which point they will be finalised and published on the Council's website.

Appendices

Appendix A: Provisional GHG Emissions accounts for the Council's estate and operations 2018-19

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