

## **Carbon Reduction Plan**

Watkinscole is committed to reducing its carbon footprint and working towards net zero emissions.

Our operations cover Scope 1 and Scope 2 sources plus selected Scope 3 sources.

Watkinscole has set a target to reduce the carbon intensity of its own operations. Baseline emissions have been calculated to measure future emissions reductions and identify areas to implement new business models compatible with a net zero future.

## Baseline year emissions: 2024

Scope	% of	Tonnes C02e
	emissions	
1		
fuel combustion	100.0%	22.4
2		
electricity	100.0%	2.47
3		
business travel		
goods & services		
capital goods	100 %	40.9
TOTAL EMISSIONS	65.8	

The following environmental management measures and carbon reduction initiatives have been implemented.

## **Initiatives Implemented**

- Carbon management baseline emissions calculated
- Reviewed environmental management systems to align with the principles of ISO 14001:2015 standards
- Reduce business travel and embrace virtual meetings
- Introduce electric vehicles
- Make electric vehicle charging points available to employees
- Remote working to reduce the emissions from commuting and office space
- Change to energy efficient LED lighting
- Introduction of more digital product solutions to reduce paper consumption
- Members of Supply Chain Sustainability
- Migration of IT infrastructure to Microsoft, who are committed to being carbon negative by 2030

## **Proposed Future Initiatives**

- Identify gaps in scope 1,2 and 3 reportable carbon emissions
- Facilitated the recycling of IT hardware, printer waste and lithium batteries
- Replace older vehicles with u-lez compliant vehicles
- The hiring of our electric van
- Engage suppliers demonstrating a commitment towards achieving net zero emissions by 2050
- Switch to greener energy suppliers
- Improve insulation and energy efficiency in head office
- Develop guidelines on carbon efficient home working
- Implement an ordering system to minimise the frequency of deliveries from the same supplier.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors.