

The Council has committed to becoming 'net zero carbon' by 2030 in its 'Climate Change: Statement of Intent'.

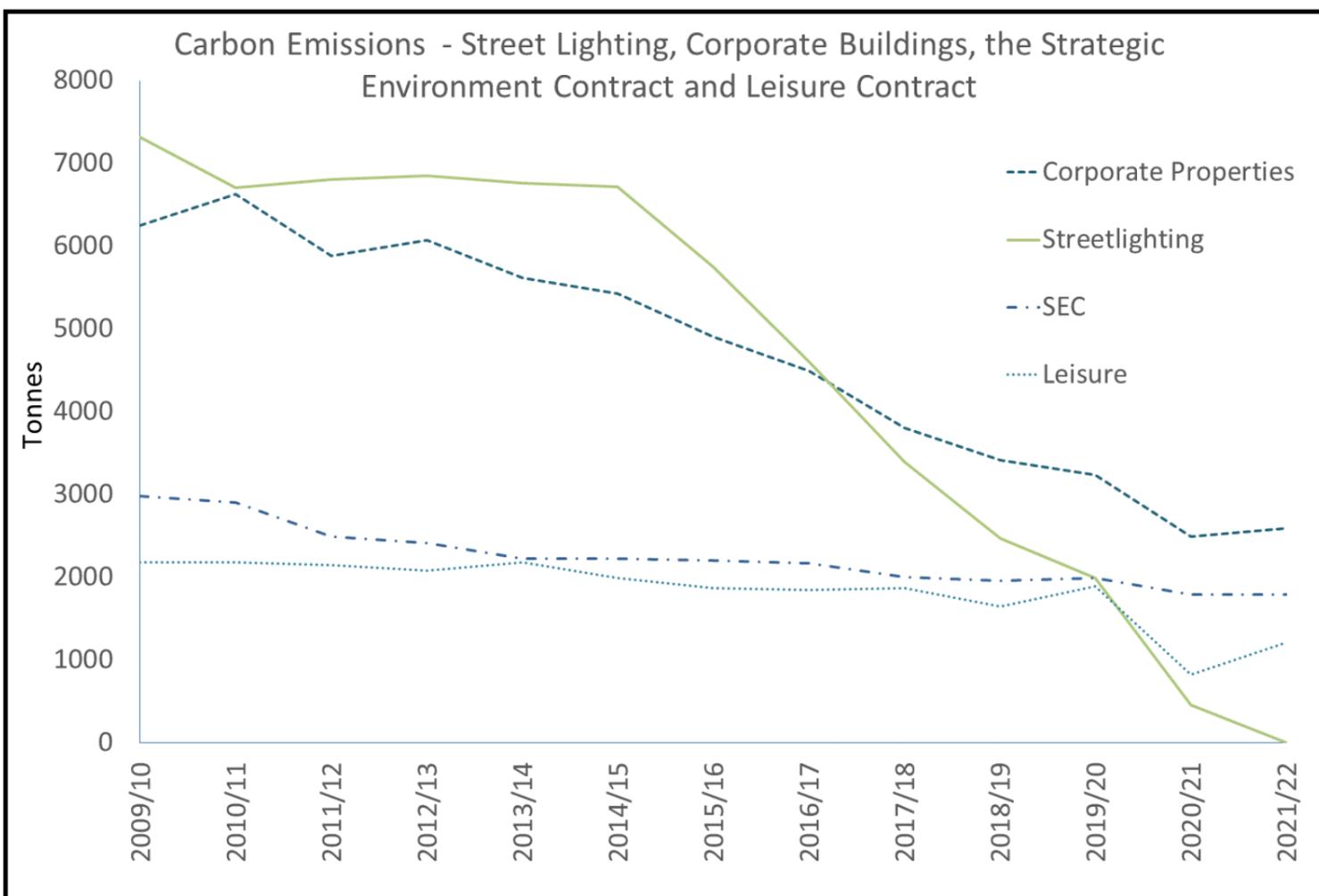
The activity to support this ambition builds on over a decade of carbon management, and this report details the journey to 2022. To accompany this report, the Council has the Net Zero Carbon Council Plan for how it meets this 2030 target.

More details on this plan and wider sustainability can be found at:

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Total	5,592 tonnes	down 70%*
Corporate Properties	2,594 tonnes	down 59%*
Leisure	1,209 tonnes	down 44%
Street lighting	ZERO	down 100%*
'Environment' Contract (SEC)	1,789 tonnes	down 40%*

* Reduction on baseline year (2009/10)



Progress

- **Corporate Buildings and Leisure Centres** — Delivered through: energy efficiency, generation projects, building portfolio reduction, energy metering and management.
- **Street Lighting Programme**— Delivered thorough the installation of high efficiency LED bulbs and then the switch to zero carbon tariff in October 2020.
- **Strategic Environment Contract (SEC)**— Delivered through the deployment of new vehicles and changes in operations.
- **External factors**— A proportion of the reduction is due to the decarbonisation of the national electricity grid which has reduced the emissions from the use of electricity.

Impact of Covid—19

The closure of the leisure centres and the Civic Suite in 2020/21 resulted in emissions reducing by 1500 tonnes. For 2022/23, a bounce back has been seen, however they have not returned back to pre-Covid levels.

Scope of this report

For purposes of public reporting, the below are included:

- **Corporate Buildings**—buildings owned and operated by SMBC.
- **Street Lighting**—covering the main and minor roads.
- **Strategic Environment Contract**— waste and recycling collection, street cleansing and other maintenance (e.g. grass cutting) delivered by Veolia and Idverde Plc.

These cover approximately 90% of emissions. It's estimated that the other emitters cover the remaining 10% and include council owned vehicles contracts such as the highways contract and schools transport. Work is ongoing to assess these and these will ultimately need to be considered withing the scope of this report.

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