

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Environment Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	11 th January 2023 7.00 pm	LOCATION	Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Streetscape Development Manager – Ruth Burgess		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	Item 12 Carbon Footprint Summary Report		

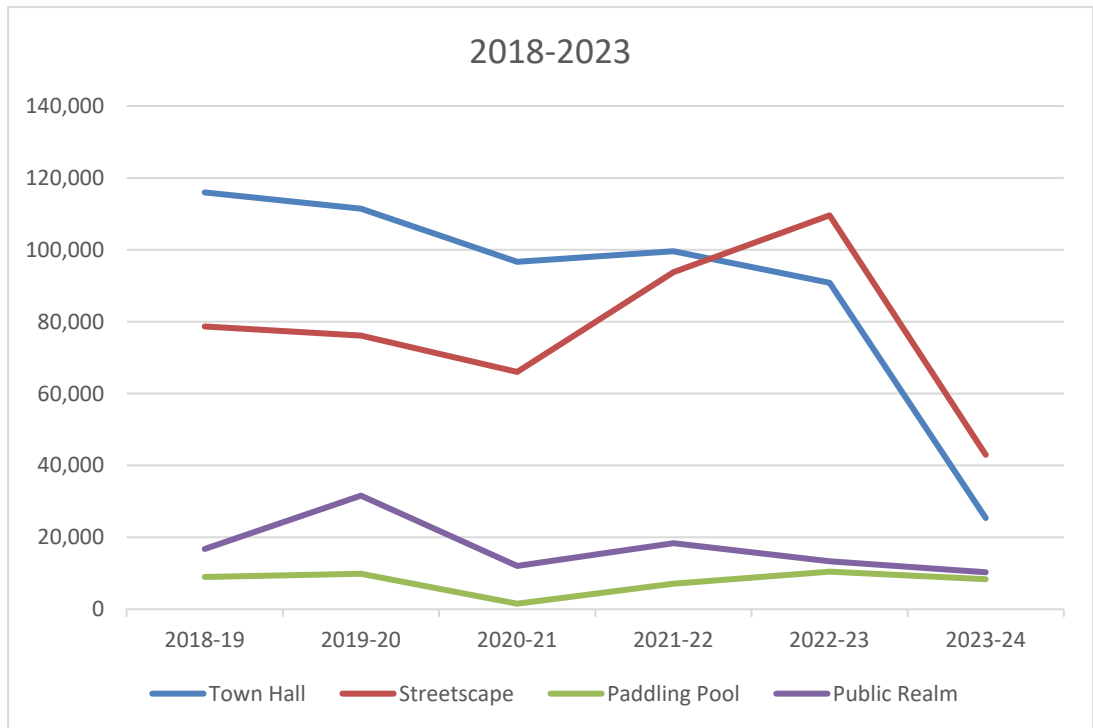
Update

**Carbon Footprint Summary Report
1st & 2nd Financial Quarter 2023 – 2024 (April – September)**

Summary of total carbon emissions

Congleton Town Council’s total internal Carbon emissions for 2023/24 currently is 87,022 tonnes CO₂e for the six months to date.

Figure 1: Total Annual CO₂e Emissions 2023/24 broken down by area of the council from 2018 to September 2023



The graph shows that the council used a total of 16,078 Tonnes Co²e over the first 6 months of 2023 April – September. The data is in the table below.

	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Town Hall	115,959	111,432	96,660	99,580	90,813	25,385
Streetscape	78,653	76,114	66,014	93,766	109,581	42,975
Paddling Pool	8,998	9,874	1,545	7,125	10,458	8,375
Public Realm	16,768	31,604	12,033	18,370	13,350	10,288
Total Tonnes Co ² e	220,378	229,025	176,252	218,841	224,203	87,022

When compared to the council’s 2022/23 footprint of 224,203 tonnes CO₂e we are showing to be on track for an overall annual reduction of 50.159 tonnes CO₂e. (aiming for 174.044 by the end of the year working on 87.022 as 6 months 87.022 x2 = 174.044)

Please note this is a Draft Carbon Footprint update, in the new year the spreadsheet and methodology will be independently reviewed to ensure we are consistent with best practice. All figures are derived from financial reporting of fuel usage, utilities bills and procurement values.

Financial Considerations	Driving down our carbon footprint will also have the benefit of reducing fuel and energy consumption which will in turn save the council money in the long term. However, in some cases investment in equipment and infrastructure may increase short term costs and the balance of these two opposing trends must be carefully assessed.
Environmental Considerations	Reducing carbon is key to the Council’s response to the Climate Emergency and its responsible Environmental Management approach.
Equality Considerations	The impact of Climate Change is predicted to affect the most vulnerable in society and those already living in poverty. It is important that the town council shows leadership in addressing climate change and decarbonising our assets and services where possible.
Decision Requested	To receive the report.