Carbon reduction plan

Supplier name: Jisc

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Commitment to achieving net zero

We are committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2040, ten years ahead of the government target. All reported emissions and planned reduction activities relate to Jisc's UK operations and entities under financial control within the reporting boundary.

Baseline emissions footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. These are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.
Our original baseline year was 2021/22, which aligned with the development of our Net Zero Roadmap and associated emissions reductions targets. Since then, our organisational boundary and emissions inventory have evolved significantly following the merger with HESA, expansion of reporting boundaries, and ongoing improvements to data quality, accuracy and completeness. Between 2022/23 and 2024/25, we enhanced our data collection processes to include additional leased assets and data centre activity, refrigerant emissions, and more comprehensive Scope 3 emissions data. We have also improved the quality and coverage of key datasets, including employee commuting, purchased goods and services, and waste generation.

- 2023/24 is the baseline year for Scope 1 and 2 emissions, reflecting expanded data collection

- 2024/25 serves as the baseline year for Scope 3 emissions, due to substantial improvements in data quality, coverage and methodology across the most material emissions categories

To ensure our emissions reduction targets continue to be based on the most robust and representative data available, we will be reviewing the baseline year used for target setting as part of the planned refresh of our Net Zero Roadmap. In parallel, we continue to improve and streamline our carbon data collection and reporting processes to support consistent, accurate and transparent emissions reporting.

Baseline year

Additional details relating to the baseline emissions calculations

We began collecting emissions data in accordance with the Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR) requirement for our financial year ending 31 July 2020.

To provide assurance over the accuracy, completeness and consistency of our carbon reporting, our greenhouse gas inventory is verified against the requirements of ISO14064 and is typically subject to independent external verification. Please note that the 2025/26 data below has not yet been verified and may be subject to change. Any updated figures will be made available in next year's Carbon Reduction Plan and in our **annual sustainability report**.

Emissions	Total (tCO2e)
Scope 1 (2023/24)	7.20
Scope 2 (2023/24)	13.39
Scope 3 (2024/25) (including sources)	Waste generation: 0.14 Business travel (includes hotels): 473.98 Employee commuting: 180.72 Downstream transportation: 7.49 **Scope 3 total: 662.33**
Total emissions	**682.92**

Current emissions reporting

Reporting year: 01 August 2025 to 31 July 2026

Emissions	Total (tCO2e)
Scope 1	5.65
Scope 2	14.62
Scope 3 (including sources)	Waste generation: 0.16 Business travel (includes hotels): 396.27 Employee commuting: 251.28 Downstream transportation: 5.12 **Scope 3 total: 652.83**

Emissions	Total (tCO2e)
Total emissions	**673.10**

Scope 1 emissions remained stable, while Scope 2 emissions increased. This was due to an issue with our BMS which conflicted with our controls, resulting in air conditioning operating continuously for a short period in our Bristol office. Electricity consumption was also influenced by periods of unprecedented warm weather and heatwaves. Higher temperatures increased demand for cooling, including overnight periods, reducing opportunities to recover from daytime loads.
While emissions from car travel increased slightly, reductions across other travel modes resulted in an overall decrease in business travel emissions. Employee commuting saw an increase which we believe is attributable to improved data quality rather than a significant change in behaviour. A targeted campaign encouraged greater survey participation, resulting in a more representative dataset.

Waste emissions increased slightly which is likely due to the inclusion of more data. Waste treatment methods also changed in some locations, with food waste at our Manchester office being processed via anaerobic digestion. Finally, downstream transportation emissions reduced due to lower expenditure on mail and courier services during the reporting period.

Jisc's full carbon footprint can be found in our annual sustainability report.

Emissions reduction targets

We have made the commitment to be net zero by 2040. This includes emissions in scope, including gas, electricity, business travel and staff commuting. We will be net zero across our remaining scope 3 emissions, including our supply chain, transport and distribution, waste and electrical use of our leased assets by 2050.

Carbon reduction projects

Completed carbon reduction initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented during our reporting year, August 2025 – July 2026:

- Achieved ISO14001 certification, providing a structured framework for identifying environmental impacts, monitoring performance, and driving continual improvement
- Verified our 2024/25 carbon data to ISO14064 standard
- Launched our Sustainability Essentials training course, helping to strengthen sustainability knowledge and awareness
- Launched Stickerbook platform for all staff following a successful pilot
- Generated 10,757 kWh of electricity through on-site solar at our Bristol office, meeting 8.8% of the site's total electricity demand
- 473 electronic items recycled, and 363 old pieces sent back into circulation for a new life
- Co-developed and launched the AI and Environmental Sustainability report in Post-16 Education guide with EAUC
- Introduced an 18-month retention on Copilot chats

- Hosted workplace screenings of the People's Emergency Briefing film to raise awareness of the climate and nature crisis and encourage sustainability action among colleagues

Planned carbon reduction initiatives

Over the next 12 months we plan to expand our approach to sustainability across the organisation by undertaking the following:

- Improve the robustness of our sustainability data by reviewing reporting requirements and ensuring compliance with regulatory and customer expectations
- Continue developing a methodology for calculating the GHG emissions associated with the operation of the Janet network and our key products and services
- Deliver a supplier sustainability scoring framework to highlight GHG emission risks and opportunities
- Install a heat pump at our Bristol office in Spring/Summer 2027, supporting our net zero trajectory
- Develop our climate resilience and adaptation plan
- Maintain our Environmental Management System ready for our 2027 annual surveillance audit
- Transition to a new system and methodology to strengthen the quality, transparency and consistency of our carbon reporting
- Host further workplace screenings of the People's Emergency Briefing film to raise awareness of the climate and nature crisis and encourage sustainability action among colleagues
- Continue to promote and showcase best practice sustainability initiatives alongside industry and the FE and HE sectors

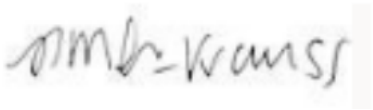
Declaration and sign off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 006 and associated guidance and reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans.
Emissions have been reported and recorded in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the GHG Reporting Protocol corporate standard[1] and uses the appropriate **Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting**[2].

Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions have been reported in accordance with SECR requirements, and the required subset of Scope 3 emissions have been reported (where available) in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard[3].
This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of the Supplier:

[1] **https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard**
[2] **https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting**
[3] **https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard**



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