



Performance Scrutiny Committee Thursday, 11 March 2021

Presentations

6. Children's Safeguarding Serious Case Review (Pages 1 - 16)

Presentation given at the meeting.

7. Progress towards climate change targets (Pages 17 - 32)

Presentation given at the meeting.

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Child Safeguarding Practice Review: Jacob

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March 2021

Process – methodology

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- Commissioned March 2020
- COVID19 – an online, virtual CSPR
- Family Involvement
- 3 key lines of enquiry
- Learning events & feedback

The Report

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- Title “ Untouchable Worlds”
- Summary with analysis not descriptive detail
- Family & professional participation & collaboration

Jacob's Story (July 2017 - April 2019)

“Nothing changed to keep Jacob safe”

- Range of statutory and voluntary services / significant number of professionals
- A child that lived at home (shared care) and in care
- Not on roll and not in education for 22 months
- Extensive police records for alleged offending behaviours that did not meet threshold to be placed before the courts
- Significant physical injuries
- Assessed as being a risk to himself and others
- Drug and alcohol use not fully known
- Repeatedly missing from home and care
- Family and professionals held the view risk came from community, cannot determine with reasonable certainty he intended to end his life

The report found.....

- Some good practice – relationship based; risks & information shared; addressing sufficiency of placements
- Criminal Exploitation – he was significantly harmed and exploited
- The Education System – Jacob was let down
- Working together – was fragmented and did not achieve positive change

Key Learning: Criminal exploitation

A system designed to support those working with criminal exploitation must:

- Ensure safer communities which keep a relentless focus on disrupting perpetrators and networks
- Consider the child's home in the local community and assess what other places might be needed to ensure their physical and psychological safety
- Support professionals to build relationships with children and understand their world
- Act upon critical and reachable moments in a child's life
- Consider the significance of gender in working with exploited children

Key Learning: Criminal exploitation

Practitioners should:

- Know the risk factors and predictability
 - Understand the significance of a child's identity within their community networks when assessing levels of risk
 - Manage risk via multi-agency assessments, plans and contingency
 - Ensure the right support to help families and manage the risks together
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- Review the role and function of the National Referral Mechanism
 - Have a national drive and agenda for children at risk of exploitation

Key Learning: Education

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The Education System must ensure:

- The paramount importance of the role of schools in keeping children safe
- An education package is put in place in a timely manner
- Children not in education/not on a school roll are known and action is swift

Key Learning: Working Together

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- Involve ALL the local safeguarding system
- Effective discussions at all levels of seniority which result in collective responsibility
- Robust systems which facilitate resolution when opinions differ
- A shared language across the partnership

Review Recommendations: National

1. The National Panel to acknowledge and share this Review with key organisations and agencies to inform national policy and practice
2. DfE to acknowledge this Review / look at effectiveness of ESFA / statute & guidance to local areas re: governance of academy schools
3. DfE to undertake a review of national placement sufficiency

Review Recommendations: Local

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One local recommendation linked to the three key lines addressed through three system wide action plans

- Child exploitation
- Education
- Working together

What we have done already

Tackling Criminal Exploitation

- Set up a new multi-agency countywide Youth Justice and Exploitation Service
- Established county wide missing and exploitation panels and networks
- Developed a Joint Panel between the police and youth justice service for children where there are both risks of offending and safeguarding concerns
- Regular training for staff in exploitation

What we have done already

Tackling Criminal Exploitation

Across Oxfordshire we now have

- Operational Multi-agency Risk Meetings chaired by senior police officer
- Use of police data-driven tools to identify young people at risk
- Extensive enforcement operations against county lines, connected to MPS and WMP

What we have done already

The Education System

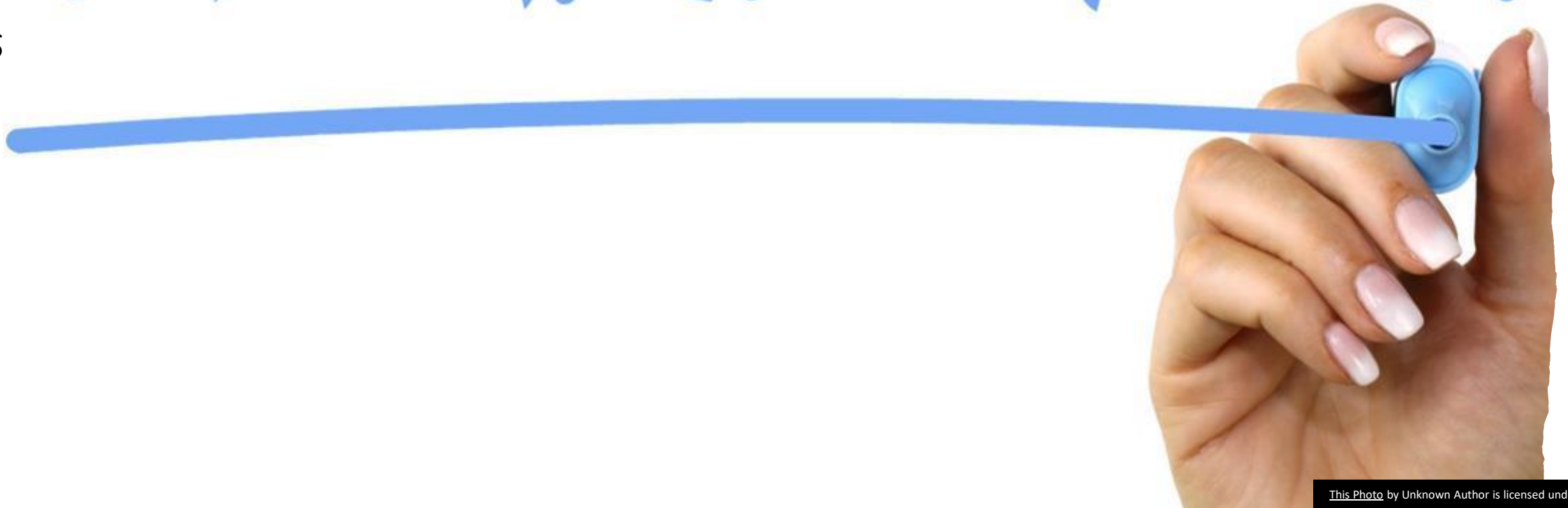
- Tightened up all systems to ensure timely practice where children are not in education/not on a school roll including through a new multi-agency panel
- Plans in place to improve in year admissions processes to schools where children have been excluded from school or need to change schools

What we have done already

Working Together

- Developing whole system approaches to early help, managing the Front Door and safeguarding services closely linked to the new Youth Justice and Exploitation Service
- Working with the University of Bedfordshire to improve our contextual safeguarding offer

THANK YOU





Climate Action update

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Agenda

- Climate Action Framework
- Climate Action Programme: updates and next steps
- 2019-2020 Greenhouse gas report



Climate Action Framework

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2020 Climate Action Framework



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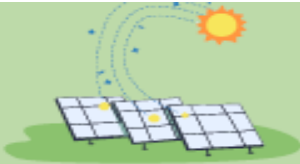


Recognising a role for everyone



- We are asking everyone to participate: our staff, communities, suppliers, businesses, partners and national government
- We build partnerships to tackle systemic challenges

Maximise Oxfordshire benefits



- You can count on our spending to support the growth of low-carbon jobs
- We support communities to own energy projects and retain the benefits locally

Our Principles

Inclusive transition



- We support all our communities and businesses to participate
- We ensure costs and benefits are fairly shared
- We seek to design out energy inequality

Healthy Place Shaping



- We create sustainable, well-designed communities in which it is easy to eat well, be active and healthy

Evidenced-based decisions



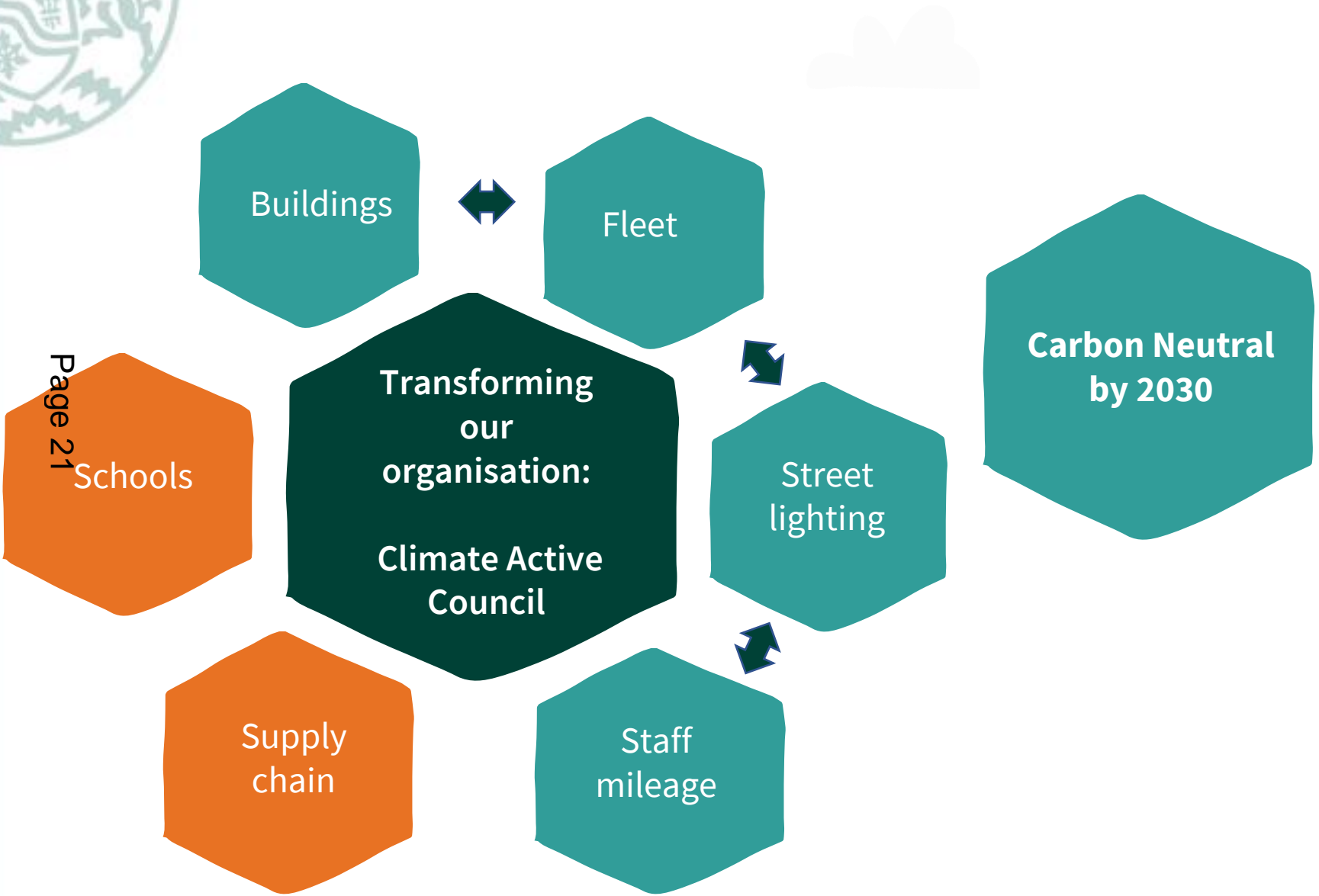
- We hold ourselves to account and take an open, smart approach to data gathering and sharing to accelerate our ability to re-prioritise investment
- We work with our world-class universities to develop the evidence to inform decisions

Continuous improvement and Living Laboratory

- Our estate is a 'Living Lab' to trial new ideas and accelerate innovation
- We are actively seeking new business models to make investment for zero-carbon viable
- We share our learning



Climate Action Framework: Climate Active Council



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- 1** Design in energy saving from the outset
 - 2** Energy efficient
 - 3** Alternative fuel
 - 4** Generate
 - 5** Buy zero carbon power
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Climate Action Framework: Zero Carbon Oxfordshire



Oxfordshire
Energy
Strategy



Pathways to a
zero carbon
Oxfordshire
(May 21)

Oxfordshire
Electric
Vehicle
Strategy

Local
Transport
and
connectivity
Plan

Strategy

Innovation

Enable a
Zero-Carbon Oxfordshire

Halve emissions by 2030
Carbon neutral by 2050

Partnerships

Investment



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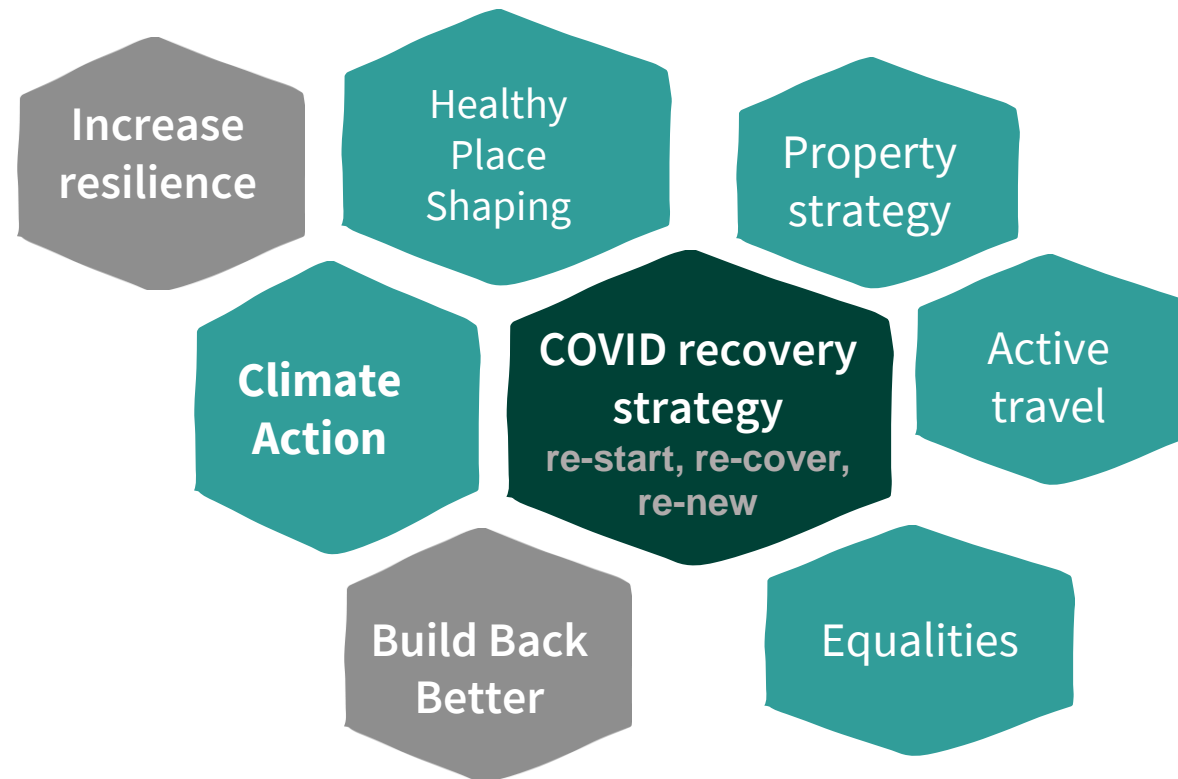
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Climate Action

Strategic corporate commitment
and essential for COVID recovery





Climate Action Programme: updates and next steps

Climate Action Programme

Progress on delivery

Becoming a climate active council

- Climate action (CA) as cross-cutting theme of Corporate Plan
- Property and investment strategies reviewed to support CA commitments
- Climate impact assessment (CIAs) of 2021-22 budget proposals
- CIAs with committee reports for policy, service changes, projects or programmes
- Prioritisation tool for infrastructure schemes
- CA as key theme in service planning
- Staff-led climate action group

Operating at net-zero carbon by 2030

- £2.1m Public Sector Decarbonisation Fund awarded for 7 corporate buildings and 4 schools
- Solar PV, battery storage and heat pump installed at Benson Library, now off gas grid
- 31.5% of street lights converted to LED
- Policy to be 'electric by default' - 21 EVs and 44 EV charge points across 17 council sites
- Green grid electricity for corporate estate and maintained schools

Enabling a zero-carbon future for Oxfordshire

- Zero-carbon vision for Local Transport and Connectivity Plan under consultation
- £2.9m grant funding for Active Travel projects e.g., LTN, cycle routes
- Oxford and Bicester LCWIP approved
- Zero Emissions Zone pilot consultation completed
- Park n Charge rolling out charging in District car parks
- £1.5m Green Homes Grant awarded to improve energy efficiency in households in fuel poverty
- Carbon reduction pilot for infrastructure schemes
- Continued support of our flagship Community Action Group programme



Climate Action Programme

Projects to be delivered in next 6-12 months

Becoming a climate active council

- Climate Action Programme Board launching in March
- Climate Action e-learning module for staff induction
- Carbon Literacy training for staff
- Carbon Neutrality data dashboard
- Climate impact assessment tools for decision-making processes
- Toolkits to support services, councillors and staff

Operating at net-zero carbon by 2030

- Delivery plan for Property Strategy
- New design standards for council-owned new builds and refurbishments
- Fleet management approach to support fleet rationalisation and electrification
- Social value policy for procurement and agreeing carbon reduction plans with key contractors.
- Climate action support package for schools

Enabling a zero-carbon future for Oxfordshire

- Retrofit of 150 homes under GHG
- Local Transport and Connectivity Plan
- 240 Park and Charge EV charging points in council-owned car parks
- Active Travel projects in Oxford, Bicester and Witney
- Hydrogen Strategy
- Support for local businesses through Oxfordshire Greentech network
- Local Energy Oxfordshire flexibility trials and Energy Insights tool
- Zero Carbon Oxfordshire report
- Supporting climate change mitigation policy in OxIS and OP2050
- Tree planting opportunity tool



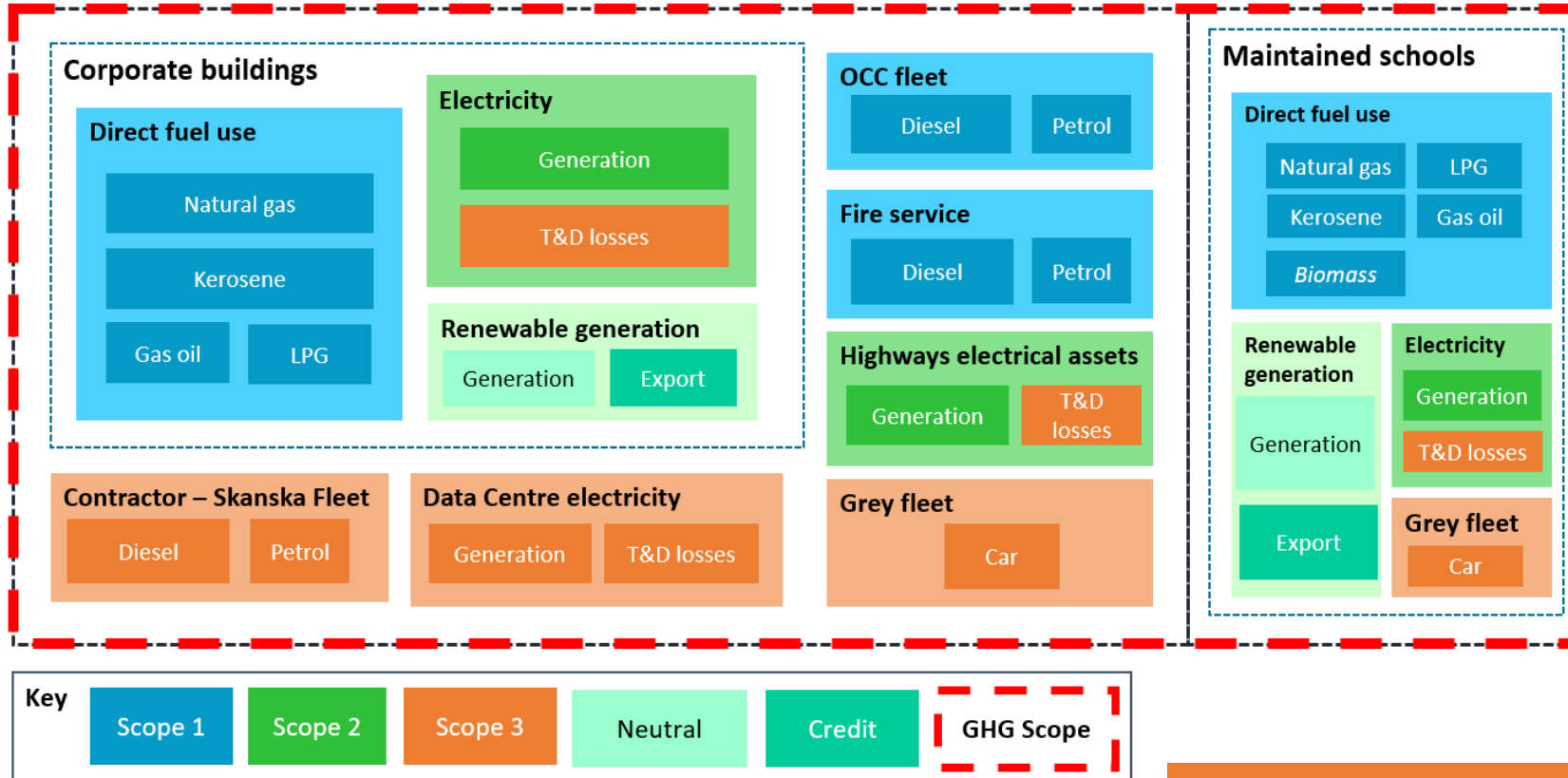
Greenhouse gas report 2019/2020

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What is included in the GHG report

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Scope 1 – direct emissions from fuel use on corporate buildings, fleet, and schools

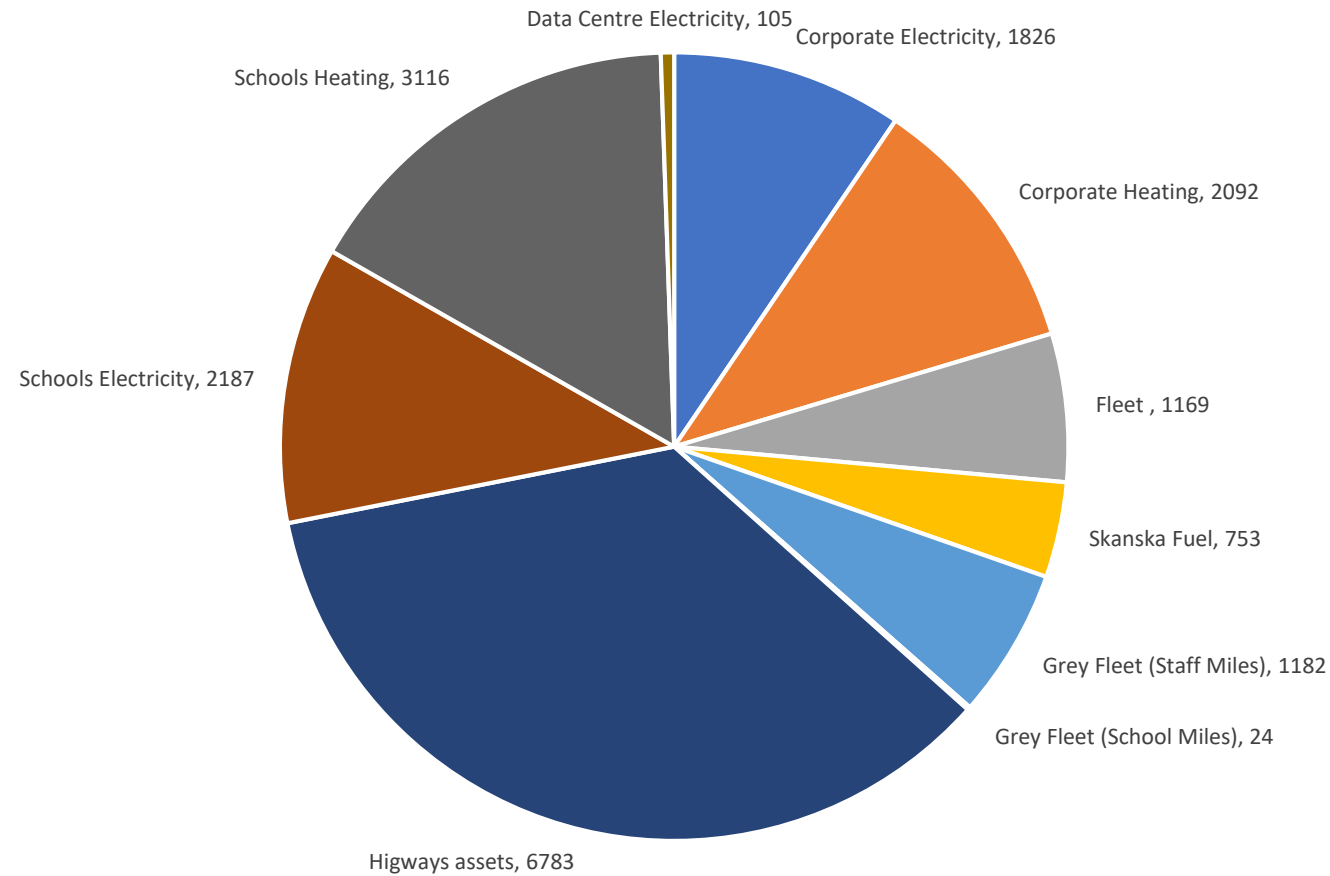
Scope 2 – indirect emissions from generation of purchased electricity

Scope 3 – indirect emissions from purchased goods and services, business travel, electricity transmission and distribution losses



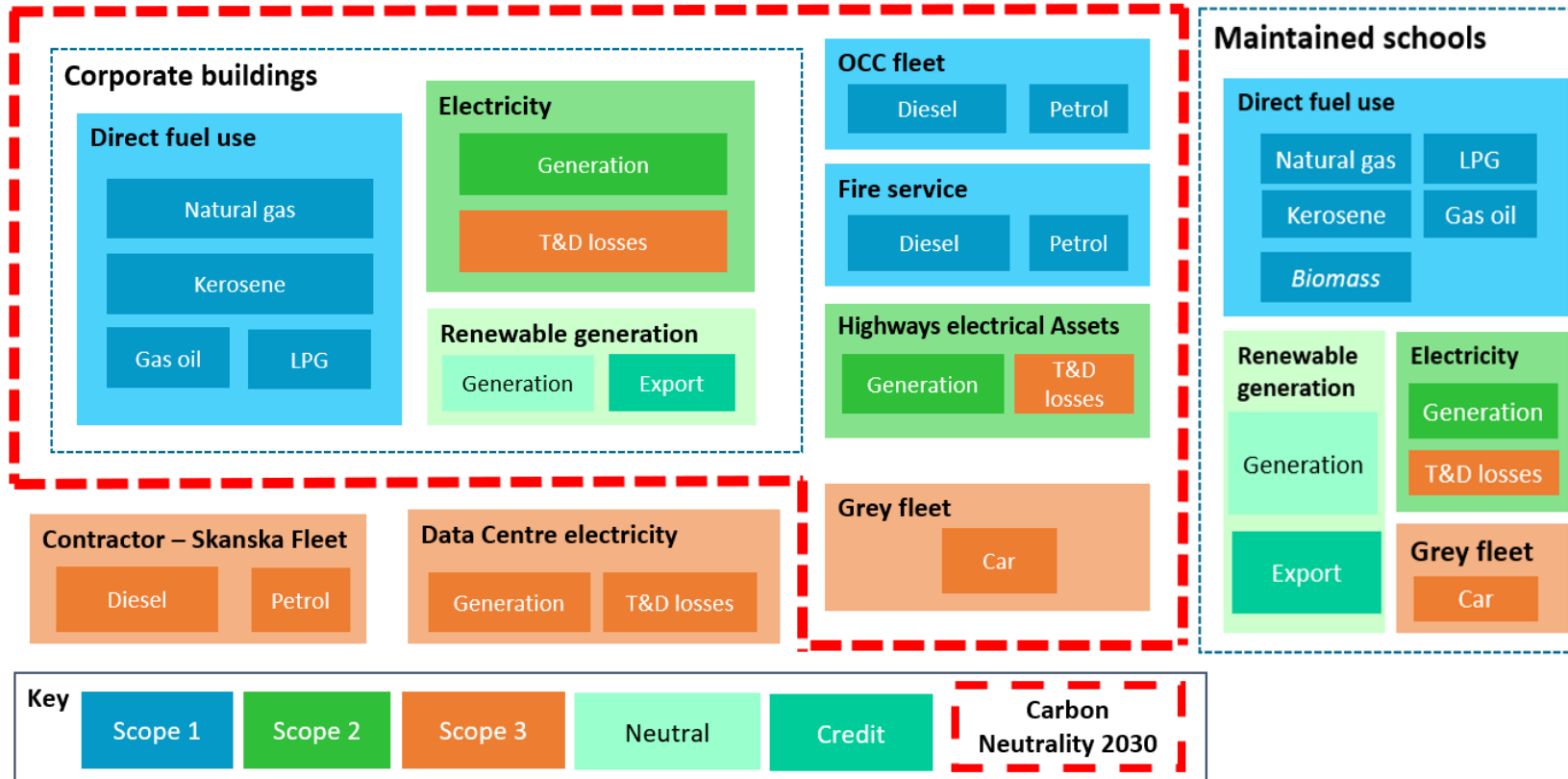
GHG emissions 2019/20

19,164 tonnes CO₂e (12.1% reduction from 2018/19)





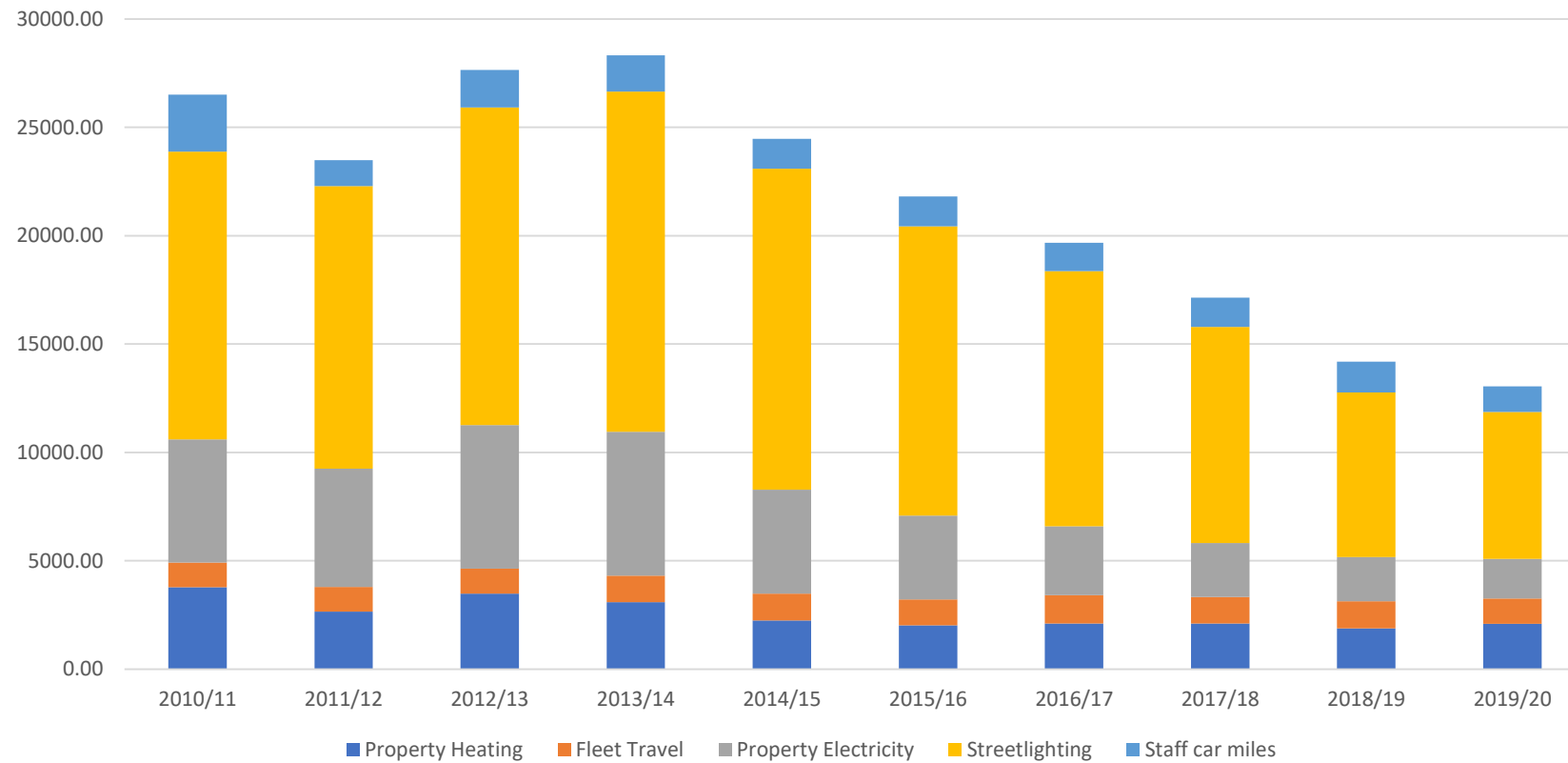
What is included our 'carbon neutral by 2030' target





Carbon Neutrality performance

13,047 tonnes CO₂e (8% reduction from 2018/19)





Energy efficiency measures and carbon reduction projects 2019-20

- 2,827 street lighting lanterns replaced with LEDs
- New energy efficient boilers were installed
- A heating control project at Speedwell House
- 42 PV panels with a 12.81kWp were installed in Ron Groves House
- 34 EV charging Points installed across 17 buildings
- 16 Electric vehicles (EV) were added to the fleet bringing a total of EVs to 21

