

Carbon Reduction Plan

Supplier name: Agile Recruit (Agile Recruitment Ltd) & Agile Tech Services (Agile Technology Services Ltd)

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Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Agile Recruit & Agile Tech Services are committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050. Due the interlinked nature of our businesses it is not feasible to apportion and report these emissions separately.

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. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

Baseline Year: 2020		
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.		
Our baseline year in 2020 includes business changes brought on by the Covid pandemic from the Spring onwards. This resulted in greater employee remote working though this has continued to a lesser extent post pandemic.		
Baseline year emissions:		
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO₂e)	
Scope 1	0.00 (No emissions are created in delivery of our services and our offices are leased so emissions accounted for in scope 2)	
Scope 2	0.71	
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	5.06	
	4. Upstream transportation and Distribution	0.00
	5. Waste generated in operations	0.07

	6. Business travel	0.55
	7. Employee commuting	4.44
	9. Downstream transportation and distribution	0.00
	(Due to the nature of our services we don't create emission related to category 4 & 9)	
Total Emissions	5.77	

Current Emissions Reporting

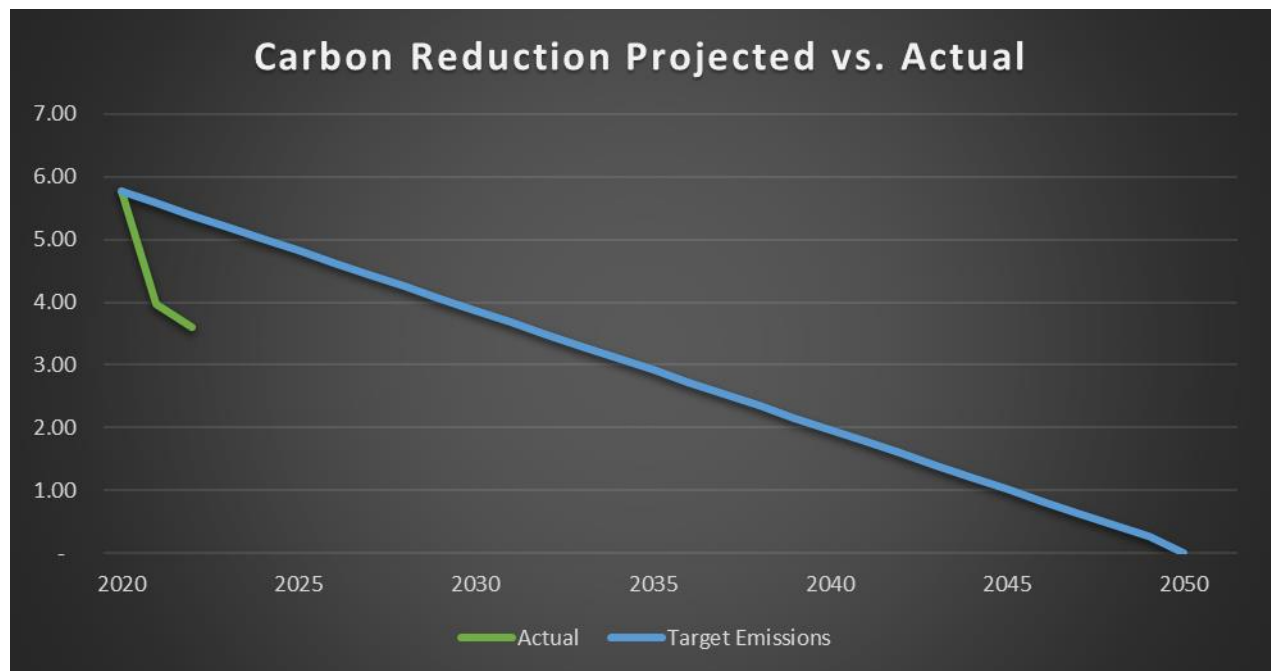
Reporting Year: 2022											
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO ₂ e)										
Scope 1	0.00 (No emissions are created in delivery of our services and our offices are leased so emissions accounted for in scope 2)										
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Total Emissions	3.60										

Emissions reduction targets

Prior to commencing detailed emissions reporting our business has always adopted an approach to mitigate our impact on the environment which has led to our low baseline year in comparison to industry norms, but there is always more that we can do. In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the carbon reduction targets detailed below.

Due to resumption in more normal working practices post pandemic and despite company growth our projected carbon emission increase in 2022 from 2021 level did not occur and a small decrease was evident. Our 2023 total emissions is expected to decrease due to reduction in staff and better choices made over commuting. Over the next three years this may increase a little due to growth in staff numbers but should be well within our 3.77 tCO₂e by 2026. This is a reduction of 5% on 2021.

Progress against these targets can be seen in the graph below:



Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2020 baseline. The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to 1.8 tCO₂e, a 31% reduction against the 2020 baseline and the measures will be in effect when performing the contract

Completed carbon reduction initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2020 baseline. The carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to 145,433 tCO₂e, a 81% reduction against the 2020 baseline and the measures will be in effect moving forwards.

- We have established the Carbon Reduction working group and will continue meeting quarterly to drive change and monitor progress
- Move to virtual meetings using Microsoft Teams.
- LED Lighting where possible.
- Energy reduction program – switch off policy, what runs, runs when needed only.
- Energy audit undertaken in 2021.

- Following the audit we have procured certified 100% renewable electricity contracts for all our premises.
- Where work circumstances allow, employees given options for flexible working model to reduce office accommodation requirements.
- Install showering and changing facilities at our head office to encourage cycling to work
- Adopted a Cycle to work Scheme
- We have run an communications campaign to educate and drive awareness around events such as World Environment Day.
- Incorporated a cloud first procurement strategy to reduce Scope 1 and 2 emissions
- Gain understanding of future impacts from commuting and working from home via a rolling employee survey and use this as an opportunity to decrease scope 3 emissions via employee engagement.

As well as these initiatives, the decrease against the baseline position has also been due to low office occupancy and reduced travel caused by COVID-19. We remain confident, however, that our current and future measures will enable us to achieve net zero well in advance of 2050.

In the future we hope to implement further measures such as:

Future carbon reduction initiatives under consideration

In the future we plan to implement further measures which will continue to drive down emissions, below are some examples of areas under review:

- Explore an electric-vehicle (EV) leasing scheme for employees. This scheme would reduce their personal and our company's carbon footprints.
- Build awareness amongst our workforce of the impact of their decisions on our journey to net zero. This includes actively encouraging staff to choose environmentally friendly commuting methods.
- Explore alternative heating solutions to further reduce scope 2 emissions when possible (replacing gas heating with panel heaters, air source heat pumps or solar thermal.)
- Continue to procure 100% renewable electricity for all sites where possible.
- Explore Ripple Energy, Energy Creation initiatives in partnership with our landlord in Manchester
- Reduce business travel by air, rail, and road through effective measurement and a sustainable travel policy.
- Reduce emissions from vehicles used by employees for business travel. Mileage fell 96.76% between 2018 and 2020. The technological improvements in vehicles are set to continue alongside the growth in electric car ownership. By 2030, no new fossil fuel cars or vans will be sold in the UK with most of the sales being replaced by sales in electric vehicles.
- Propose flexible working arrangements to our clients for delivery of projects
- Consider incentives for employees to support a switch via a panel of trusted green suppliers through Big Clean Switch.
- Incorporate into the Onboarding guiding principles for Carbon reduction and eco-friendly etc (wording to be updated)
- Reflect our internal policies and incorporate it to our 3rd party/ sub-contractor onboarding process.

Declaration and Sign Off

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been completed in accordance with PPN 06/21 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 standard¹ and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting².

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 in accordance with the published reporting standard for Carbon Reduction Plans and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Standard³.

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:

Jonathon Webley
Director

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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>