

NI 185 Overview

Introduction

National Indicator 185 measures the percentage CO₂ reduction from LA operations. This is a new indicator, with the first year's data to be submitted to Government for the financial year April 2008 to March 2009. This provides the baseline on which to measure improvement.

This indicator is intended to cover the total amount of direct and indirect CO₂ emitted as a result of Local Authority operations. 'Operations' are taken to mean the delivery of the relevant functions of a Local Authority which result in the emissions of CO₂ into the atmosphere, covering all their own operations and outsourced services. Even if the services are being provided by an external body (e.g. a private company) they remain the function of the authority. This is to include schools, but exclude social housing.

For Winchester City Council, this has included data collection from offices, car parks, leisure centres, museums, public conveniences, warehouses, street lighting, sewerage works and warehouses, staff business car use and rail travel, travel by housing contractors, park and ride buses and the environmental services contract (travel from refuse trucks, street sweepers, etc). The resulting data set is the most comprehensive collation of CO₂ emissions information developed to date.

Data

The NI 185 dataset for baseline year 2008/09 gives an overall figure of 4,483 tonnes of CO₂. 3,019 tonnes of this is from buildings and street lighting, and 1,464 tonnes from transport, including refuse collection. The category breakdowns are as follows:

