

Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting

Greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) statement

The Group has reported scope 1, 2 and 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in accordance with the requirements of Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR).

This includes the Group's stated emissions for one reporting year for the financial year ending 30 April 2021.

Energy and GHG sources included in the process:

- Scope 1: Fuel used in company vehicles and natural gas.
- Scope 2: Purchased electricity.
- Scope 3: Fuel used for business travel in employee owned or hired vehicles.
- All seven Kyoto protocol GHGs were included: CO₂, N₂O, CH₄, HFCs, PFCs, SF₆ and NF₃.

The figures were calculated using UK government 2020 conversion factors, expressed as tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent (tCO₂e).

Energy Efficiency Actions

Energy efficiency and climate change are at the centre of Knights' strategy. Prior to and during the reporting period the following projects have taken place:

- LED lights have been fitted at the Oxford and Stoke offices.
- A contractor will be carrying out an environmental survey at the Stoke office in June to assess the steps that can be taken to make the building more efficient.
- Chester and Maidstone offices use 100% renewable electricity.

	01/05/2020 to 30/04/2021
Annual energy consumption: (kWh)	
Electricity	1,428,208
Gas	324,385
Transport fuel	79,238
Total	1,831,831
Annual GHG emissions (tCO₂e)	
Scope 1	
Emissions from combustion of gas	59.6
Emissions from combustion of fuel for transport purposes	2.1
Scope 2	
Emissions from purchased electricity - location based	333.0
Emissions from purchased electricity - market based*	276.9
Scope 3	
Emissions from business travel in rental cars or employee vehicles where company is responsible for purchasing the fuel	22.1
Emissions from electricity upstream transportation and distribution losses and excavation and transport of fuels - location based	86.3
Emissions from upstream transport and distribution losses and excavation and transport of fuels - market based*	73.1
Total tCO₂e emissions (location based)	503.1
Total tCO₂e emissions (market based)	433.8
Intensity (tCO₂e / FTE)	
Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Employees	1,080
Intensity ratio: total location based tonnes per FTE employee tCO₂e / FTE	0.47
Intensity ratio: total market based* tonnes per FTE employee tCO₂e / FTE	0.40
Intensity (tCO₂e / £ million revenue)	
Revenue (£m)	103.2
Intensity ratio: total location based tonnes per million revenue tCO₂e / £m	4.88
Intensity ratio: total market based* tonnes per million revenue tCO₂e / £m	4.20
Methodology	GHG Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard

Note

* Chester and Maidstone offices use 100% renewable electricity; all others were assumed to use the grid average in the absence of supplier fuel mix in order to calculate market based electricity emissions.



Knights worked with environmental consultant Green Energy to collect the data related to this statement.

Knights was responsible for the internal management controls governing the data collection process. Green Element was responsible for the data aggregation, any estimations and extrapolations applied (as required) and GHG calculations performed, and the emissions statements.

Greenhouse gas emissions were calculated according to the Greenhouse Gas Protocol Corporate Accounting and Reporting Standard.

Scope and subject matter:

The boundary of the report includes all UK offices that were operational for any time during the reporting period (Bingham, Birmingham, Cheltenham, Chester, Crawley, Derby, Exeter, Hollins Chambers, Leeds (Majestic & Wellington Place), Leicester, Lincoln, Lombard House, Maidstone, Manchester, Nottingham (Castle Heights, Embankment House & Friar Lane), Oxford, Stoke, Wilmslow & York). Data for the following newly opened offices was estimated on a m² basis; Birmingham, Leeds (Majestic) & Nottingham (Embankment House). Actual data will be collected and reported for these newly opened offices in the next reporting year.