FACULTY OF ADVOCATES

PPN 06/21 Carbon Reduction Plan

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Commitment to Achieving Net Zero

The Faculty of Advocates is committed to achieving Net Zero emissions by 2050 through the implementation of carbon reduction targets and initiatives.

The Faculty of Advocates is committed to annually reviewing its greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) and maintaining its commitment to Net Zero. This commitment will be supported by an annual quantification of all Scope 1, Scope 2 and relevant Scope 3 emissions.

Emissions are quantified in accordance with ISO 14064-1:2019, the international standard for the quantification and reporting of GHG emissions. Emission factors produced by DEFRA have been used to calculate emissions in tCO_2e, tCO_2, tCH_4 and tN_2O.

This document is a summarised version of a full Carbon Reduction Plan that has been aligned with PPN 06/21 formatting guidelines.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been produced in collaboration with Carbonology® Ltd.

Baseline and Current Reporting Year:

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past, prior to the implementation of emission reduction initiatives. Baseline emissions serve as a reference point against which emissions reductions can be measured.

The financial year 23/24 (1st November 2023 – 31st October 2024) has been designated as the base year as it is the first year that organisational emissions have been assessed in detail.

Baseline and Current Reporting Year: FY 23/24 (1st November 2023 – 31st October 2024)	
Additional Details Relating to the Baseline Emissions Calculations.	
FY 23/24 serves as the Faculty of Advocates' baseline year for emissions reporting, marking the first period of quantifying and documenting greenhouse gas emissions. Establishing FY 23/24 as the base year provides a foundation for tracking and comparing emissions in future reporting periods. Scope 3 categories are from the GHG protocol as referenced in PPN 06/21 guidance.	
Baseline and Current Reporting Year Emissions:	
EMISSIONS	**TOTAL (tCO_2e)**
Scope 1	**155.77**
Scope 2 (location-based)	**68.17**
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	**Total: 536.45** • Category 1: Purchased goods and services - **318.83** • Category 2: Capital goods – **3.60** • Category 3: Fuel and energy related activities – **59.43** • Category 5: Waste generated in operations – **3.82** • Category 6: Business travel – **87.21** • Category 7: Commuting – **62.92** • Category 8: Upstream leased assets – **0.64**
Total Emissions (location-based)	**760.39**

Emissions Reduction Targets

In order to continue our progress to achieving Net Zero, we have adopted the following carbon reduction targets.

Targets set against the base year:

- **Stationary combustion of gas**: Phase out the use of gas across the company by FY 39/40.
  - A short-term annual reduction target is not feasible at present, as efficiency improvements have already been implemented and further changes are restricted by the listed status of our buildings.

- **Company vehicles:** Reduce emissions by 5% per year and transition to electric vehicles by FY 36/37.
  - **0.05 tCO2e** saving by FY 28/29.

- **Electricity:** Reduce emissions by 10% per year (2% above the UK Government's National Grid decarbonisation target of 8% per year) and transition to 100% renewable energy by FY 37/38.
  - **27.92 tCO2e** saving by FY 28/29.

- **Purchased goods & services:** Reduce emissions by 10% per year. This will be dependent on the decarbonisation progress of our suppliers and the implementation of our own sustainable procurement policy.
  - **130.53 tCO2e** saving by FY 28/29.

- **Grey fleet:** Reduce emissions by 5% per year and transition to electric vehicles by FY 36/37.
  - **0.07 tCO2e** saving by FY 28/29.

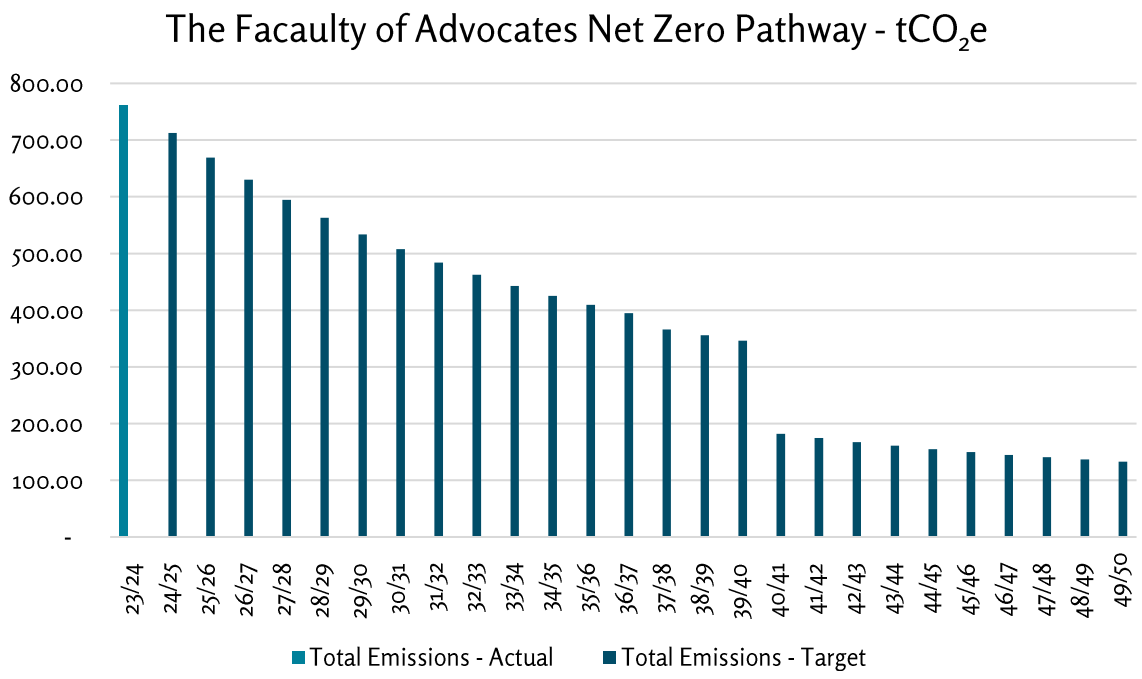
- **Commuting:** Reduce emissions by 10% per year. It should be noted that the methods of commuting chosen by staff are outside our direct control. However, our annual reduction target is approximately aligned with the predicted pace of transport decarbonisation in the UK, driven by the decarbonisation of public transport and increased uptake of electric vehicles.
  - **18.99 tCO2e** saving by FY 28/29.

- **Homeworking:** Reduce emissions by 8% per year.
  - **5.64 tCO2e** saving by FY 28/29.

- **Servers:** Reduce emissions by 8% per year.
  - **0.22 tCO2e** saving by FY 28/29.

Based on these targets, we project that carbon emissions will decrease over the next five years to 562.69 tCO_2e by FY 28/29. This is a reduction of 22.96% from the FY 23/24 base year.

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



Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

- Committed to the annual quantification of GHG emissions in alignment with ISO 14064-1.
- Developed a comprehensive emissions monitoring system to track greenhouse gas performance over time, facilitating data-driven decision-making.
- Established a hybrid working policy to reduce emissions from commuting and business travel.
- Conducted a full staff commuting and homeworking survey to accurately estimate associated emissions.
- Prioritised virtual meetings over face-to-face meetings to minimise business travel and associated carbon emissions.

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

- Explore and implement a shared heating network solution with Edinburgh City Council to enable the long-term removal of gas heating. The Council is in the early stages of identifying suppliers capable of developing the necessary infrastructure to deliver a replacement fuel for gas. Once a viable option is available, we will proceed with implementation.
- Reduce domestic air travel by increasing our use of rail travel wherever possible.
- Develop a sustainable procurement policy to evaluate suppliers based on their sustainability practices and Net Zero commitments.
- Procure 100% renewable energy at all operational facilities.
- Remove gas heating systems from all facilities.
- Ensure all company-owned vehicles are 100% electric vehicles by FY 36/37.

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 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 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 approved by the Faculty of Advocates LLP Executive Team.

Signed On Behalf of The Faculty of Advocates:

Name:

Position:

Date:

[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