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We recognise that climate change is occurring and will have far reaching effects on the UK's economy, society and environment. Each Peterborough city resident produces an average of 5.6 tonnes of CO₂ every year. This has reduced from 8.1 tonnes of CO₂ per capita in 2005. We are committed to reducing our CO₂ emissions further and aim to reduce per capita CO₂ emissions to 4.5 tonnes by 2020.

What we are doing

The council is committed to tackling climate change and we recognise that the policies and activities we undertake and promote have wide ranging climate change impacts. Practically, this means that we commit to continually monitoring and improving our carbon performance. We will comply with relevant legislation, policies and codes of practice and we will continually seek opportunities to achieve more in order to ensure that we lead by example.

Carbon reporting

The CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme (or CRC Scheme) is designed to incentivise energy efficiency and cut CO₂ emissions from participating organisations. Mandatory to those who meet the qualification criteria, this scheme requires organisations in both the public and private sector to monitor their energy use, report their energy supplies annually and buy allowances for every tonne of carbon they emit.

The council has participated in phase 1 of this scheme and is now undertaking phase 2 participation. Recently the government carried out consultation on reforming the CRC with effect from 2019/20, and has now concluded it will be replaced with a single tax and simplified energy and carbon reporting framework.

Local authority greenhouse gas emissions report (Former NI 185)

Local Authorities are asked to resume reporting of their emissions for the Department of Communities and Local Government's Single Data List. There are no financial implications or targets associated with this report. Further detailed information can be found in the annual Greenhouse gas emissions report.



[Greenhouse gas emissions report 2015/16 \(https://pcc-live.storage.googleapis.com/upload/www.peterborough.gov.uk/news/council/can](https://pcc-live.storage.googleapis.com/upload/www.peterborough.gov.uk/news/council/can)
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Council Energy Schemes

Please see below for more information about energy schemes available to Peterborough residents:

- > [Information about Peterborough Energy \(https://www.peterboroughenergy.co.uk/\)](https://www.peterboroughenergy.co.uk/)
- > [Information about free Solar PV scheme](#)

Environment Capital

Please see our [Environment Capital](#) page for more information on our Environment Capital Campaign and Environment Action Plans.