

VEALE WASBROUGH VIZARDS LLP MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITIES STATEMENT

Environmental strategy (*continued*)

To meet our commitments under this environmental policy, we will:

- work collaboratively across our offices;
- implement and regularly review an environmental action plan;
- engage with staff and key stakeholders;
- consider sustainability issues relating the purchase of products and services;
- minimise energy use and set targets for the reduction of our carbon footprint.

Environmental performance

The LLP's energy usage and carbon emissions were as follows:

	2021 kWh	2020 kWh	2021 kgCO ₂ e	2020 kgCO ₂ e
Gas	11,619	11,333	2,136	2,084
Total Scope 1	11,619	11,333	2,136	2,084
Electricity	579,026	694,642	160,565	207,121
Total Scope 2	579,026	694,642	160,565	207,121
Business travel in employee owned cars	8,771	97,430	2,098	23,303
Other scope 3 items	Not quantified	Not quantified	Not quantified	Not quantified
Total Scope 3	8,771	97,430	2,098	23,303
Total	599,416	803,405	164,799	232,508
Intensity Ratio per person	1,377	1,646	379	488

The figures above are in line with the 2019 UK Government environmental reporting guidance, Energy Saving Opportunities Scheme (ESOS) and have been converted into carbon emissions using the 2019 UK Government Conversion Factors.

Environmental initiatives and improvements over recent years have included:

- PIR motion sensors fitted to lights in main office, kitchen and toilets to reduce electricity usage;
- Staff being encouraged to switch equipment off when not using; and
- Setting and monitoring temperatures for heating and air conditioning.

During the year to 30 April 2021 the business has largely been working remotely and has not therefore focused on any particular environmental initiatives but clearly reduced business travel and less office attendance has reduced our energy usage and carbon emissions. We have embedded a significant improvement in video and audio conferencing and agile working facilities.

Future initiatives for the firm include:

- Where possible replacing fluorescent bulbs with more efficient LED lighting which use less energy and last longer;
- Introducing a formal 'switch it off policy' for any equipment that does not automatically turn off when not needed; and
- Introducing KPIs and setting improvement targets that the firm can work towards (e.g. energy, mileage, paper consumption)

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Geographical breakdown

We operate from 5 offices, as set out below. The breakdown of our carbon emissions by office are as follows:

Year	2021			2020		
Site name	Scope 1	Scope 2	Total	Scope 1	Scope 2	Total
Narrow Quay House, Bristol		111,004	111,004		134,399	134,399
3 Brindley Place, Birmingham (serviced office)		32,492	32,492		*41,119	41,119
45 Clarendon Road, Watford		7,613	7,613		13,230	13,230
24 King William Street, London		8,633	8,633		17,230	17,230
106 Henleaze Road, Bristol	2,136	823	2,959	2,084	1,143	3,227
Total	2,136	160,565	162,701	2,084	207,121	209,205

*The prior year figures have been restated to include a carbon emissions amount for our Birmingham office.

Basis of preparation

This report has been prepared on the following basis:

- No data has been estimated;
- VWV's subsidiary companies have been excluded as they would not individually be obliged to report;
- The fixed base year has been chosen as the year to 30 April 2020 to ensure the reliability of the disclosed figures. In future disclosures the base year and prior year emissions will be adjusted to allow for any significant changes which represent 5% of the base year;
- The intensity ratio has been calculated as Scope 1 and 2 kgCO₂e per person; the divisor for the intensity ratio has been chosen as per person (including Members) because the LLP's consumption is largely influenced by the number of people at the LLP; and
- Independent external assurance has not been sought.

Designated members

The following designated members have held office since 1 May 2020:

S R B Heald
G J Edwards
E J Husband (appointed 1 May 2021)
R A Phillips

Policy with respect to members' drawings and subscriptions and repayment of members' capital

The members' drawing levels acknowledge the working capital requirements of the LLP. A conservative level of monthly drawings is set at the beginning of each financial year based on forecasted profit projections. Additional distributions are calculated and agreed after the year-end date and are made once the results for that year have been audited and the allocation of profit finalised, subject always to the firm's working capital requirements.