



Cabinet Office

CARBON REDUCTION PLAN GUIDANCE

Notes for Completion

Where an In-Scope Organisation has determined that the measure applies to the procurement, suppliers wishing to bid for that contract are required at the selection stage to submit a Carbon Reduction Plan which details their organisational carbon footprint and confirms their commitment to achieving Net Zero by 2050.

Carbon Reduction Plans are to be completed by the bidding supplier¹ and must meet the reporting requirements set out in supporting guidance, and include the supplier's current carbon footprint and its commitment to reducing emissions to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050.

The CRP should be specific to the bidding entity, or, provided certain criteria are met, may cover the bidding entity and its parent organisation. In order to ensure the CRP remains relevant, a Carbon Reduction Plan covering the bidding entity and its parent organisation is only permissible where the detailed requirements of the CRP are met in full, as set out in the Technical Standard² and Guidance³, and all of the following criteria are met:

- The bidding entity is wholly owned by the parent;
- The commitment to achieving net zero by 2050 for UK operations is set out in the CRP for the parent and is supported and adopted by the bidding entity, demonstrated by the inclusion in the CRP of a statement that this will apply to the bidding entity;
- The environmental measures set out are stated to be able to be applied by the bidding entity when performing the relevant contract; and
- The CRP is published on the bidding entity's website.

Bidding entities must take steps to ensure they have their own CRP as soon as reasonably practicable and should note that the ability to rely on a parent organisation's Carbon Reduction Plan may only be a temporary measure under this selection criterion.

The Carbon Reduction Plan should be updated regularly (at least annually) and published and clearly signposted on the supplier's UK website. It should be approved by a director (or equivalent senior leadership) within the supplier's organisation to demonstrate a clear commitment to emissions reduction at the highest level. Suppliers may wish to adopt the key objectives of the Carbon Reduction Plan within their strategic plans.

A template for the Carbon Reduction Plan is set out below. Please complete and publish your Carbon Reduction Plan in accordance with the reporting standard published alongside this PPN.

¹Bidding supplier or 'bidding entity' means the organisation with whom the contracting authority will enter into a contract if it is successful.

²Technical Standard can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/991625/PPN_0621_Technical_standard_for_the_Completion_of_Carbon_Reduction_Plans__2_.pdf

³Guidance can be found at:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/991623/Guidance_on_adopting_and_applying_PPN_06_21__Selection_Criteria__3_.pdf

Carbon Reduction Plan Template

Supplier name: Kimberly Clark Ltd.....

Publication date: 2024.....

Commitment to achieving Net Zero

Kimberly Clark Ltd has an ambition to work towards net zero.

Kimberly-Clark have approved near term SBTi targets and are committed to SBTi, renewal of these goals in 2025 will be to the SBTi Net-Zero Standard

Kimberly-Clark Ltd has a target to fully decarbonize its operations (scope 1 & 2) by 2030.

Baseline Emissions Footprint

Baseline emissions are a record of the greenhouse gases that have been produced in the past and were produced prior to the introduction of any strategies to reduce emissions. Baseline emissions are the reference point against which emissions reduction can be measured.

Baseline Year: 2015	
Additional Details relating to the Baseline Emissions calculations.	
Corporation Carbon Footprint data's Statement of Energy Consumption & GHG Emissions and letter of Independent Accountant's Review Report available in 2023 GRI Index, Appendices A & B. Visit: KeyDownloads (kimberly-clark.com) for the data file.	
Baseline year emissions:	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (tCO₂e)
Scope 1	2,230,000
Scope 2	2,742,000* (*Market Based)
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	13,200,000
Total Emissions	18,172,000

Current Emissions Reporting

Reporting Year: 2023	
EMISSIONS	TOTAL (MTCO ₂ e)
Scope 1	1,720,000
Scope 2	1,216,000* (*Market Based)
Scope 3 (Included Sources)	10,169,000
Total Emissions	13,105,000

Emissions reduction targets

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

We project that will decrease carbon emissions over the next seven years to 13,046,000 MTCO₂e by 2030. This is a reduction of 50% of Scope 1 and 2 carbon emissions and a 20% of Scope 3 carbon emissions vs. 2015 baseline.

Carbon Reduction Projects

Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented since the 2015 baseline. The total Scope 1, 2, and 3 carbon emission reduction achieved by these schemes equate to 94,000 tCO₂e, a 40.9% reduction of Scope 1 & 2 emissions and 10.4% reduction of Scope 3 against the 2015 baseline, and the measures will be in effect when performing the contract.

2023 Updates/highlights:

UK is 100% in on sustainability – this year we saw K-C UK&I consumer and KCP teams collaborate to put in motion the plans to fully decarbonize its operations by the end of the decade.

1. Renewable Electricity Sourcing:

April 2023 - The opening of K-C's new windfarm in Scotland, which will deliver 80%+ of K-C UK's electricity needs. The 50 MW 12-turbine Cumberhead facility will supply the company with approximately 160,000 megawatt hours (MWh) of renewable energy every year. This will result in a total emissions reduction of 55,625 MTCO₂e per year – the equivalent of taking 38,628 passenger vehicles off the road every year.

2. Low Carbon Thermal Solutions:

KC-UK has secured two hydrogen activations with UK government. Green hydrogen will be made on-site and replace up to 50% of our natural gas demand beyond 2026. KC is finalizing long-term offtake agreements with its energy partners ready for Q4 2024 signature. The contract will produce & supply hydrogen for its facilities in Cumbria and Kent, as part of two green hydrogen projects selected for the Government's Hydrogen Business Model Strategy (HBMS). The projects are expected to reduce 28,500 T CO₂e per year, and progress UK operations decarbonization to 83% in 2026 vs a 2015 baseline. In Q3 2024, KC has successfully secured its own capital funding to ensure boiler fuel switching capability is ready for green h₂ supply.

3. KC progress as a group:

- In 2023, Kimberly-Clark achieved an absolute reduction in operational (Scope 1 and 2) GHG emissions of 40.9% and a 10.4% energy efficiency improvement versus our 2015 baseline. We delivered a GHG emission reduction total of 94,000 MTCO₂e from our lean energy, energy conservation, and low carbon solution programs.
- Energy efficiency: In 2023, we executed more than 45 lean energy efforts, delivering ~10,700 MTCO₂e in emissions reduction.

4. Our targets to 2025+

- KC plans to publish its climate transition action plan and updated SBTi approved targets in 2025.
- In UK, KC intends to achieve 100% renewable electricity sourcing.

- We committed to science based GHG emissions reduction targets that are aligned with the Paris Climate Agreement and have been validated by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

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 standard⁴ and uses the appropriate Government emission conversion factors for greenhouse gas company reporting⁵.

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) Standard⁶.

This Carbon Reduction Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors (or equivalent management body).

Signed on behalf of the Supplier:



Dan Howell, VP & MD, Kimberly-Clark Ltd

Date: 6th December 2024

⁴<https://ghgprotocol.org/corporate-standard>

⁵<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting>

⁶<https://ghgprotocol.org/standards/scope-3-standard>