CARBON POLICY



At Edinburgh Airport, we recognise that our operations and those of our third-party operators can have adverse impacts on the environment through the release of carbon emissions. We recognise the variety of emission sources generated by our operating activities, including direct emissions such as energy use and indirect emissions such as aircraft emissions and passenger surface access to and from the airport. As outlined in our Greater Good Strategy and Net Zero Strategy, we are committed to achieving Net Zero for our direct emissions (Scope 1 and 2) by 2030, and for our indirect emissions (Scope 3), excluding air traffic movements by 2040 and including air traffic movements by 2045. We are taking the following actions to achieve our Net Zero target:

Prioritising Emission Reductions

We are committed to prioritising the identification and development of carbon emission reduction measures across all areas of our operations so that the impact of our carbon footprint is considered and reduced across all areas of the business.

Energy

We are committed to reducing our reliance on fossil fuels through on-site generation of renewable energy via our solar farm.

Decarbonisation of Fleet & Equipment

We are committed to decarbonising our operational fleet and equipment and we will purchase electric vehicles and equipment where possible. We are also committed to supporting our third-party operators in decarbonising their own fleet.

Climate Change Adaptation and Risk Assessment

We will report our plans for climate change adaptation to ensure that we have identified and quantified climate-related risks and developed adaptation plans as appropriate.

Carbon Emissions From Construction

We are committed to working with our contractors to develop a methodology to accurately track the carbon emissions coming from our civil engineering construction projects.

Cost of Carbon

We are committed to considering the 'carbon costs' in project planning and decision making by taking action to reduce emissions throughout project development from design to construction and maintenance.

Airport Carbon Accreditation

We are committed to using the internationally recognised Airport Carbon Accreditation scheme as a tool to support and verify our carbon reduction plans and developments.

Sustainable Procurement

We require all suppliers to sign our Sustainable Supplier Pledge to ensure that their sustainability goals align with our own.

Carbon Offsetting

In line with our Net Zero Strategy, we recognise that there will be a requirement to use carbon offsetting on residual emissions. In 2022, we developed our offsetting strategy to ensure that any offsets purchased are credible and will be nature-based removals, with a longer-term vision to move towards local schemes with high permanence.

This carbon policy statement and its implementation is the responsibility of all department heads. This policy will be reviewed and updated, as required or no later than within two years of issue.

Gordan Dewar, Chief Executive Officer