

GRI Index Co-op Way reporting 2018

Our reporting is in accordance with the Global Reporting Initiative's (GRI) Standards: Core option.

| GRI Standard | Disclosure | Description | Response |
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| General disclosur | es | | |
| GRI 102: General Disclosures 2016 | 102-1 | Name of the organisation | The Co-operative Group Ltd |
| | 102-2 | Activities, brands, products, and services | About us (p. 3) |
| | 102-3 | Location of headquarters | About us (p. 3) |
| | 102-4 | Location of operations | We operate only in the UK |
| | 102-5 | Ownership and legal form | We are registered in the UK under the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act, 2014. Find out more about co-ops here: www.co-operative.coop/about-us/what-is-a-coop |
| | 102-6 | Markets served | About us (p. 3) We operate only in the UK |
| | 102-7 | Scale of the organisation | No. colleagues/market - About us (p. 3) Net sales - Annual Report 2018 (p. 33) Total capitalisation - Annual Report 2018 (p. 109-110) |
| | 102-8 | Information on employees and other workers | Data is calculated by the HR data team and based on head count rather than Full Time Equivalent. |
| | | Breakdown - Gender / Contract Type | Male Female Grand Regular Temporary Unknown Total Regular Temporary Unknown Temporary Unknown Temporary Unknown Temporary Unknown Grand 27197 513 275 27985 33821 554 218 34593 61018 1067 493 62578 |
| | | Breakdown - Contract Type / Region | Image: Regular Regular Total Eng Scot Wales N Image: Reland Total Eng Scot Wales N Image: Reland Scot Wales N Image: Reland Total Eng Scot N Image: Reland Total Eng Scot Wales N Image: Reland Total Eng Scot N Image: Reland Image: |
| | | Breakdown - Gender / FT-PT | Male Female Group FT PT Total FT PT Total |
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| | | Breakdown - Overall Totals | Regular/TemporaryTemporary / ContractorEmployees payrolledEmployees payrolledthrough the Co-opthrough Rullion |
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| General disclosure | es | | |
| GRI 102: General Disclosures 2016 | 102-9 | Supply chain | We focus on our Co-op Food supply chain in our reporting as this accounts for most of our revenue. Ethical Trade and human rights (p. 11-13 and 42-44) Food and farming (p. 14-15 and 45-48) Environment and resource use (p. 16-19 and 49-53). |
| | 102-10 | Significant changes to the organisation and its supply chain | Business change (p. 61) Annual Report 2018 (p. 13-22) |
| | 102-11 | Precautionary Principle or approach | Annual Report 2018 (p. 38-40) Our approach to risk management means we do not take strategic or operational decisions without due consideration of social and environmental impacts. |
| | 102-12 | External initiatives | We subscribe to a variety of initiatives and these are referenced throughout our Report in the relevant sections. |
| | 102-13 | Membership of associations | Business ethics and behaviour (p. 30,35) Co-operation among co-operatives (p. 38) |
| | 102-14 | Statement from senior decision-maker | CEO statement (p. 4) Annual Report 2018 (p. 5-11) |
| | 102-15 | Key impacts, risks, and opportunities | Our sustainability priorities and our approach to prioritisation are outlined in Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 5 and p. 59-61) |
| | 102-16 | Values, principles, standards, and norms of behaviour | Values and Principles (p. 3) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 5) Membership and democracy (p. 6) |
| | 102-17 | Mechanisms for advice and concerns about ethics | Our Code of Business Conduct details the mechanisms for seeking advice on ethical and lawful behaviour, including access to line management and helplines. Speak Up (p. 34) |
| | 102-18 | Governance structure | Membership and democracy (p. 6 and p. 36-37) and Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59) www.co-operative.coop/about-us/our-democracy www.co-operative.coop/about-us/board-and-directors |
| | 102-40 | List of stakeholder groups | Our stakeholders (p. 60) |
| | 102-41 | Collective bargaining agreements | All colleagues other than the most senior managers in the business are covered by collective bargaining arrangements; this equates to in excess of 99% of all colleagues. |
| | 102-42 | Identifying and selecting stakeholders | Our stakeholders (p. 60) |
| | 102-43 | Approach to stakeholder engagement | Colleague wellbeing (p. 57-58) Our stakeholders (p. 60) Membership and democracy (p.36-37) |
| | 102-44 | Key topics and concerns raised | Our campaigning (p. 5) Cooperation among Cooperatives (p. 7) Public policy engagement (p. 31-33) Membership and democracy (p. 36-37) Material issues (p. 59) Customers (p. 60) Our stakeholders (p. 60) |

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| General disclosure | es | | |
| GRI 102: General Disclosures 2016 | 102-45 | Entities included in the consolidated financial statements | 2018 Annual Report (p. 32-37) Our Co-op Way Report covers those businesses wholly owned by the Co-operative Group Limited as at 6 January 2019 (Scope of reporting, p. 61). |
| | 102-46 | Defining report content and topic Boundaries | Our material issues (p. 59) Our reporting (p. 60) |
| | 102-47 | List of material topics | Our material issues (p. 59) |
| | 102-48 | Restatements of information | Where data has been restated, for example when a methodology for calculating data has changed or an inaccuracy identified, this is indicated by the following symbol: (R) and where necessary, additional detail about restatements is also given. |
| | 102-49 | Changes in reporting | Performance relates to the 52 week year ending 5 January 2019 (unless otherwise stated) and to our operations and stakeholders. It covers those businesses wholly owned by the Co-operative Group Limited as at 5 January 2019. |
| | 102-50 | Reporting period | Performance relates to the 52 week year ending 5 January 2019 (unless otherwise stated) |
| | 102-51 | Date of most recent report | April 2018 |
| | 102-52 | Reporting cycle | Our Report is published annually |
| | 102-53 | Contact point for questions regarding the report | Back cover sustainability.report@coop.co.uk |
| | 102-54 | Claims of reporting in accordance with the GRI Standards | This Report has been prepared in accordance with the GRI Standards: Core option |
| | 102-55 | GRI content index | This table sets out the Standard Disclosure locations. |
| | 102-56 | External assurance | Our reporting (p. 60) Assurance Statement (p. 66-67) |

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| Topic specific dis | closures | | |
| Economic perfor | mance | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | - Our Annual report 2018 (p. 32-37) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | - |
| GRI 201: Economic | 201-1 | Direct economic value generated and distributed | Business ethics and behaviour (p. 30) Our Annual report 2018 (p. 107-108) |
| performance 2016 | 201-3 | Defined benefit plan obligations and other retirement plans | Colleague wellbeing (p. 58) Our 2018 Annual Report (p. 20, p. 155-161) |
| Procurement pra | ctices | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Ethical trade and human rights (p. 11-13) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | |
| GRI 204: Procurement practices 2016 | 204-1 | Proportion of spending on local suppliers | Whilst we don't report the percentage of the procurement budget spent on local suppliers, we do report on our approach to supporting British farmers and growers through our Farming Groups, and local suppliers. Food and farming (p. 14, 15, 47, 48). |

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| Topic specific disc | closures | | |
| Materials | | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Environment and resource use (p. 16-19, 49-53) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | - We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report. |
| GRI 301: Materials 2016 | 301-1 | Materials used by weight or volume | Resource use (p. 52-53) - reporting in relation to wood, palm oil, peat and soy. |
| | 301-2 | Recycled input materials used | Resource use (p. 51-52) - reporting in relation to wood. |
| Energy | | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Equiverprise $(n 1)$ (1, 17, 40) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Environment and resource use (p. 16-17, 49) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 302: Energy 2016 | 302-1 | Energy consumption within the organization | Total energy consumption in 2018 was 811,861 MWh; Environment (p. 49). We don't report fully on this indicator, but instead focus our reporting on GHG emissions as set out in the relevant indicators below.) |
| | 302-4 | Reduction of energy consumption | - Total energy consumption in 2018 was 811,861 MWh which is a 3.5% reduction from 2017 (840,888MWh) ; Environment (p. 18, 49). Types of energy included in the reductions: refrigeration, transport, heating, electricity. |
| Water and effluen | its | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Environment and resource use (p. 18, 53) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Target set for 2019 (p. 19) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | |
| GRI 303:Water and effluents | 303-1 | Interactions with water as a shared resource | Environment and resource use (p. 18, 53) |
| 2018 | 303-5 | Water consumption | Environment and resource use (p. 18, 53) |

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| Topic specific disc | osures | | |
| Biodiversity | | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Environment and resource use (p. 18-19) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 304: Biodiversity 2016 | 304-2 | Significant impacts of activities, products, and services on biodiversity | Resource use (p. 18-19, 51-53) |
| Emissions | | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Environment and resource use (p. 16) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | |
| GRI 305: Emissions 2016 | 305-1 | Direct (Scope 1) GHG emissions | Environment (p. 16,49) We report and set targets for our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as (tonnes) CO2-equivalent, i.e. including all seven main GHG gases |
| | 305-2 | Energy indirect (Scope 2) GHG emissions | Environment (p. 16,49) We report and set targets for our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as (tonnes) CO2-equivalent, i.e. including all seven main GHG gases |
| | 305-3 | Other indirect (Scope 3) GHG emissions | Environment (p. 16,49) We report and set targets for our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as (tonnes) CO2-equivalent, i.e. including all seven main GHG gases |
| | 305-4 | GHG emissions intensity | Our Annual Report 2018 (p. 94-95). We report and set targets for our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as (tonnes) CO2-equivalent, i.e. including all seven main GHG gases |
| | 305-5 | Reduction of GHG emissions | Environment (p. 16,49) We report and set targets for our greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as (tonnes) CO2-equivalent, i.e. including all seven main GHG gases |

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| Effluents and was | ste | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | - Environment and resource use (p. 17-18) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 306: Effluents and waste 2016 | 306-2 | Waste by type and disposal method | Environment (p. 50). We don't report a break-down of hazardous waste disposal as hazardous waste is less than 1% of our overall waste |
| GRI 401: Employ | ment 2016 | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Ethical trade and human rights (p. 12-13, 42-43) Colleague wellbeing (p. 24-25) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 401: Employment | 401-1 | New employee hires and employee turnover | We report employee turnover: Colleague wellbeing (p. 57). We report colleague age and gender: Diversity and inclusion (p. 55). We do not report on the number and rate of new employee hires. All our colleagues are UK-based. |
| 2016 | 401-2 | Benefits provided to full- time employees that are not provided to temporary or part-time employees | Benefits provided to all colleagues: Disability and Invalidity Coverage; Parental Leave; Group Personal Accident; Rental Deposit Loans; Death in Service (Non-Pension) & Redundancy Life Cover; Eye Care Vouchers; Childcare Vouchers (SalSac); Season Ticket Loans; Employee Recognition Scheme; Cycle to Work Scheme (SalSac); Employee Assistance Programme; Occupational Health; Credit Union; PACE Pension Scheme; Benefits Portal (Access point to all Benefits, incl. 3rd party offers/discounts). |
| | | | Benefits provided to colleagues dependant on grade / business / contract: Health Screening; Long Service Awards; Retirement Awards; Redundancy Awards; Group Income Protection. |
| | | | Benefits provided to full-time employees that are not provided to temporary or part-time: none (with the exception of long service awards which, by their nature are not relevant for temporary colleagues). |

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| Topic specific disc | losures | | |
| Labour/managem | ent relations | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Annual Report 2018 (p. 20-22) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Colleague wellbeing (p. 57) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report. |
| GRI 402: Labour/ management relations 2016 | 402-1 | Minimum notice periods regarding operational changes | Collective agreements do not typically specify the notice required for any operational changes to be made. We endeavour to provide as much notice as possible to major changes, and have a specific Redundancy Agreement which guarantees a 45 day consultation period, unless agreed otherwise. Collective agreements typically refer to notice required to change the collective agreements themselves, which is normally 6 months' notice by either side. The collective agreements also outline the provisions for consultation and negotiation of changes to terms and conditions. |
| Occupational hea | th and safety | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Health and Safety (p. 21, 54) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| | 403-1 | Occupational health and safety management system | Health and Safety (p. 21, 54) (MySafety) |
| | 403-2 | Hazard identification, risk assessment, and incident investigation | Health and Safety (p. 21, 54) Our Annual Report 2018 (p. 42) - Risk register |
| | 403-3 | Occupational health services | Health and Wellbeing (p. 25) Lifeworks (p. 58) employee assistance |
| | 403-4 | Worker participation, consultation, and communication on occupational health and safety | Health and Wellbeing (p. 24-25) colleague engagement survey and absence support services |

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| Occupational hea | Ith and safety | | |
| GRI 403: | 403-6 | Promotion of worker health | Health and Wellbeing (p. 25) Lifeworks (p. 58) employee assistance |
| Occupational health and safety 2018 | 403-8 | Workers covered by an occupational health and safety management system | Health and Safety (p. 54) |
| | 403-9 | Work-related injuries | Health and Safety (p. 54) |
| | 403-10 | Work-related ill health | We publish information on reportable accidents and absence rates. The information is not available to include a more detailed breakdown in our published reports. |
| Diversity and Equ | al Opportunity | , | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | - · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |
| GRI 405: Diversity and equal opportunity 2016 | 405-1 | Diversity of governance bodies and employees | We report proportions of our colleagues by gender, age banding, ethnicity and disability. Diversity & Inclusion (p. 22-23, 55-56). We outline our approach to ensuring Governance diversity in our 2018 Annual Report (p.58). Three of our twelve Board members are female and three are from BAME groups. However, we don't report on age banding or any other form of diversity. |
| Freedom of assoc | iation & collect | tive bargaining | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Ethical trade and human rights (p. 11-13, 43-44) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Colleague wellbeing (p. 57) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 407: Freedom of association & collective bargaining 2016 | 407-1 | Operations and suppliers in which the right to freedom of association and collective bargaining may be at risk | As per our Sound Sourcing Code of Conduct we require our suppliers to protect those rights; and suppliers must demonstrate the measures taken to achieve this. Whilst we report the number of non-compliances and monitor implementation of corrective actions, we do not report by operation type or geographic location. Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining form part of our risk criteria which is covered during audits. Ethical Trade & Human Rights section (p. 42-43). |

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| Child labour | | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | - Ethical trade and human rights (p. 11-13, 42-44) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 408: Child labour 2016 | 408-1 | Operations and suppliers at significant risk for incidents of child labour | As per our Sound Sourcing Code of Conduct we do not allow child labour within our supply chain and we report figures relating to incidents that occur and implementation of corrective actions. Our risk criteria and audit process for our supply chain has robust measures to contribute to the effective abolition of child labour. However, we do not include supplier information, operation type or geographic location in our published report. Ethical Trade & Human Rights section (p42-43). |
| Forced or compul | sory labour | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Ethical trade and human rights (p. 11-12, 42-44) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 409: Forced or compulsory labour 2016 | 409-1 | Operations and suppliers at significant risk for incidents of forced or compulsory labour | Ethical Trade & Human Rights section (p. 11-12, 42-44). We report full details in our Modern Slavery Statement https://www.co-operative.coop/ ethics/modern-slavery |
| Local communitie | s | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | - Community (p. 8-10) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 413: Local communities 2016 | 413-1 | Operations with local community engagement, impact assessments, and development programs | Our Local Community Fund operates across 100% of the communities in which we operate. Community (p. 8-10, 39-41) Impact case studies (p. 10-11) Our stakeholders are mapped on (p. 60) |

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| Public policy | | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Business ethics and behaviour (p. 30-35) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 415: Public policy 2016 | 415-1 | Political contributions | We detail contributions totalling £625,600 to the Co-operative Party as approved via vote by Members in our 2017 AGM (p. 96, Our 2018 Annual Report). Wider public policy work: Business Ethics and Behaviour (p. 31-33). |
| Customer health | & safety | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | Healthy living (p. 20, 54) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | - We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 416: Customer health & safety 2016 | 416-1 | Assessment of the health and safety impacts of product and service categories | We report the proportion of Co-op branded products carrying traffic light labelling that are healthy. We also report on improvements made to products in terms of their health and safety impacts. Healthy living (p. 20, 54). |
| | 416-2 | Incidents of non-compliance concerning the health and safety impacts of products and services | In the event of any concern raised over product safety, our Product Action Notification plan is activated and in some cases our Severe Recalls Decision Map process. Appropriate action is taken and in the event of a product recall the Food Standards Agency is notified and communication channels activated to notify customers. In 2018 we issued 2 product recalls and 23 withdrawals. We're also committed to the safe and responsible use of pesticides. Read more on pesticides in Environment & Resource Use (p53). |
| Marketing & labe | lling | | |
| GRI 103: Management | 103-1 | Explanation of the material topic and its Boundary | ent and resource use (p. 16-18) |
| approach 2016 | 103-2 | The management approach and its components | Healthy living (p. 22) Our approach to ethics and sustainability (p. 59-61) Performance against 2018 targets (p. 62-65) |
| | 103-3 | Evaluation of the management approach | We include relevant performance benchmarks throughout the Report |
| GRI 417: Marketing & labelling | 417-1 | Requirements for product and service information and labelling | Though not expressed as a percentage of our products and services, we do report information on labelling by product type. Ethical trade and human rights (p. 11-13, 42-44) Healthy living (p. 22, 54) Food and farming (p. 14-15, 45-48) Environment and resource use (p. 16-19, 49-53). |
| | 417-3 | Incidents of non-compliance concerning marketing communications | The ASA publishes rulings at: www.asa.org.uk/codes-and-rulings/rulings.html. There were no rulings against us in 2018. |