



Leicestershire County Council

Leicestershire County Council provides services to over 600,000 people.

The Council was voted Council of the year 2009 at the prestigious Local Government Chronicle Awards. Furthermore, the Audit Commission has judged Leicestershire a 4-star council, with particular praise given to the performance of its Environmental Services. For instance its Carbon Management Plan, detailing how the Council will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, has been highly acclaimed.

The challenge

Leicestershire wanted a fast and accurate solution to calculating the CO₂ emissions from their outsourced service providers in order to meet National Indicator 185.

The Council wanted to pursue a systematic approach by identifying and prioritising those suppliers that contributed the most to their overall footprint but without ignoring lower impact suppliers.

The solution

Leicestershire provided Trucost with a list of its suppliers of outsourced services. Using its uniquely comprehensive supplier database and environmental profiling techniques, Trucost calculated the carbon emissions of each supplier that were attributable to their activities with the Council.

Trucost's project management team then supported the Council's suppliers in providing data appropriate for the National Indicator 185 submission. Suppliers were able to provide data in any format, such as electricity expenditure, for Trucost to convert into CO₂ emissions data. Having completed the data collection process and validated suppliers' data Trucost analysts then produced a final report which included:

- A completed National Indicator 185 spreadsheet; incorporating emissions data from Leicestershire's own estates.
- A report detailing the methodology used in order to provide evidence to DECC that the Council had approached its National Indicator 185 requirements in a systematic, relevant and accurate manner.

The benefits

Leicestershire was able to meet an extremely challenging deadline for the submission of its National Indicator 185 calculation, while freeing up resources for other important projects.

The Council now has a robust approach for future environmental programmes targeted at its suppliers of outsourced services.

"Trucost exceeded our expectations in terms of customer service to both the Council and its suppliers. The project was well managed and achieved all the objectives in a very short time span. The team involved were very flexible and were happy to work in partnership to get the results that were required for the NI 185 submission. Trucost were very well placed to provide a supply chain carbon footprint at a very competitive price."

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