

The Council has committed to reducing its emissions, through the Council Plan Priority 2— Planning and Delivery for a Low Carbon Future. The Council Programme to deliver this is the Green Prospectus, and within this there are actions to reduce emissions through Carbon Management. The two current targets are:

- **45% by 2021**
- **'at least 50%' by 2025** (baseline year 2009/10).

Delivery of Service

Amey provides a range of environmental and waste services to Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council. Their teams make almost 900,000 domestic waste and recycling collections every month to over 91,000 properties across Solihull.

They also maintain over 1.1 million metres of streets and 19 principal parks, of which 16 have received the prestigious Green Flag award.

The SEC is overseen day-to-day by the Waste and Recycling and Streetcare Teams, who also advise on the target setting for carbon reduction, which is then reviewed and endorsed by the SEC Board, who are representatives from the Council and Amey, and the Member Portfolio Holder .

Progress

Over the last 10 years a number of actions have reduced emissions, despite increases in pressures on the service. These are:

2011/12 – Packer plate project, reducing fuel consumption from hydraulics of the vehicles.

2012/13— Service review – 5 transits removed from fleet.

2013/14— Coventry refuelling agreement reducing mileage.

2014/15— Introduction of 240 litre brown wheeled bin for recycling, hence increasing efficiency of collection and reducing the number of collection vehicles.

2015/16— Operational improvements at the Bickenhill Household Waste and Recycling Centre operations reducing distance waste hauled.

2016/17— A fleet of new refuse and recycling vehicles with more efficient Euro 6 engines.

2018/19— Replacement of transit fleet.

It was anticipated that 2018/19 would not see any reductions, however fluctuations in service provision, namely the impact of reduced mowing during the dry early summer period, assisted with further reductions.

Future Emissions

Amey invested in replacing the refuse and recycling collection fleet which was responsible for generating the majority of the emissions during 2016/17, and have recently upgraded the Streetcare fleet and the reductions from this should be seen in 2018/19 carbon performance.

Other actions are:

- Amey's continual improvement programme.
- Opportunities to introduce electric vehicles to the Streetcare fleet delivering 10's tonnes of reduction.
- Alternative fuelling of the waste and recycling fleet (e.g. use of electric, gas or hydrogen)

1,996 tonnes

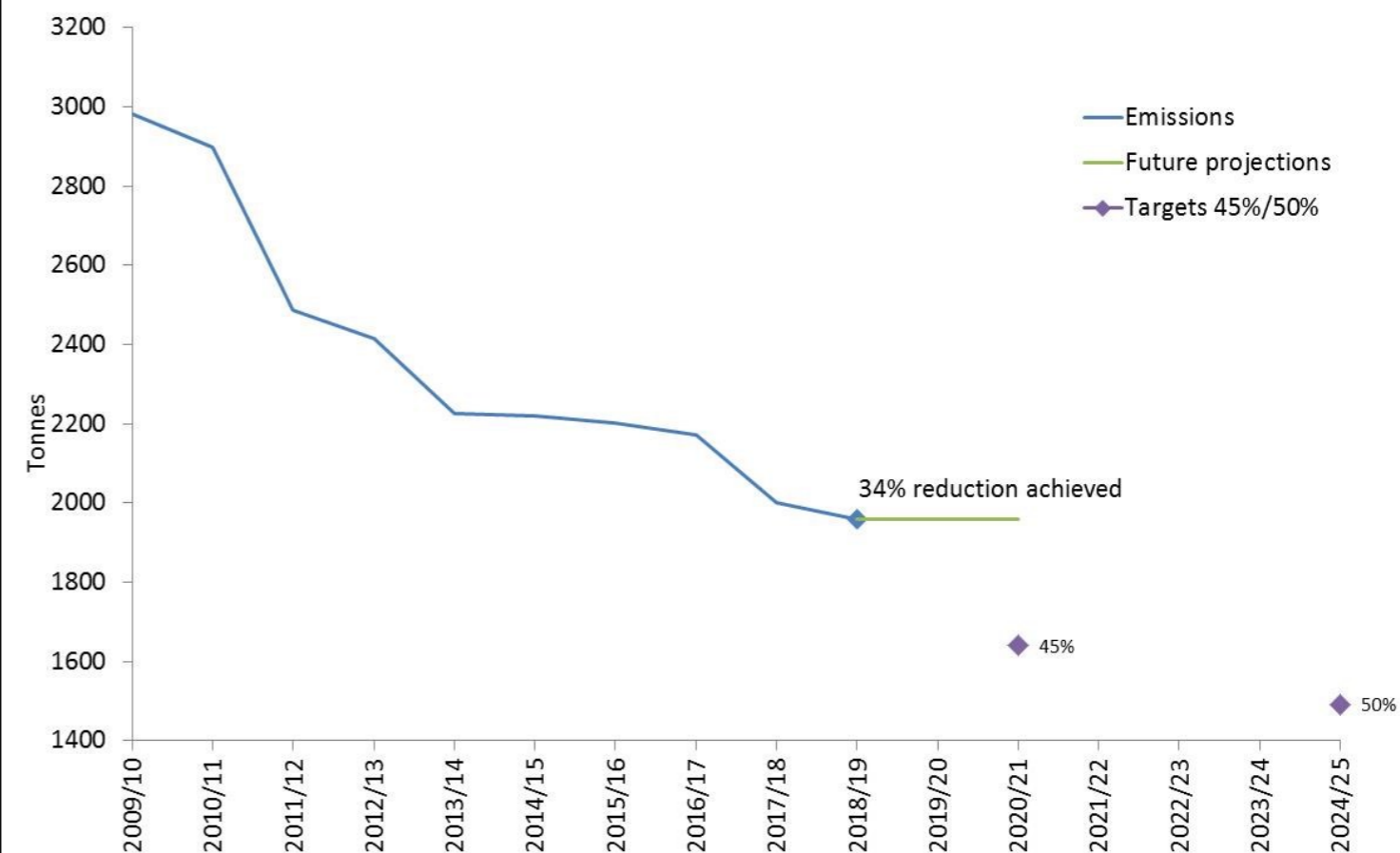
Total Carbon Emissions 2018/19

down 2% on previous year

down 34% on baseline year 2009/10*

* contract baseline year 2011/12

Carbon Emissions and Future Projections from the SEC



Key risks and issues

There is a continuing risk of an increase in the carbon emissions due to the housing growth across Solihull and the additional collections which will need to be made as a consequence, which could be as high as 10% over the next decade.

Cross cutting issues

Solihull borough has recently started assessing its air quality in regard to oxides of nitrogen which is largely produced as a result of road vehicles. The operation of a fleet of large vehicles contributes to the air quality of the borough, so the investigation of alternative fuels and the reduction in vehicle movements contributes to this agenda.