

# Carbon footprint report

# Rise

April 23 to March 24



Commit



Measure



Reduce



Engage





Step one.

*Commitment*





## Our Climate Commitment – UNFCCC Race to Zero

Rise recognises that climate change poses a threat to the economy, nature and society-at-large, our company commits to taking action immediately in a full and lasting commitment by;

1. For our company to achieve Net Zero in line with the Science Based targets set out by the UNFCCC i.e., to achieve Net Zero no later than 2050 and target a 50% reduction in emissions by 2030.
2. To set realistic short- and long-term targets
3. To maintain and report the total GHG emissions of our business regularly

In doing so, we are proud to be recognised by the United Nations Race to Zero campaign, and join governments, businesses, cities, regions, and universities around the world that share the same mission.

We acknowledge that our commitment will be reported on the SME Climate Hub website. Rise made our pledge to the Race to Zero on 26/10/21. The record of our pledge can be found [SME Climate Hub](#)

	Target Year
Pledge to be Net-Zero	2030
50% Emissions Reduction	2025



## Company Overview

Rise is a registered charity, company number 07176549, registered in England & Wales with a registered address of Royal Quays Business Centre Coble Dene, Royal Quays, North Shields, England, NE29 6DE

**Industry** – Charity

**No of staff** – 25 averaged over the reporting year

**Accreditations** – Investors In the Environment Silver

Rise is a charity, funded and supported by Sport England, and several other national and local organisations, and is part of a network of 43 Active Partnerships across England.

We are based in one serviced office in North Tyneside. We do not manufacture anything.

At Rise we understand the value of the environment in being physically active and advocate for a coordinated and holistic approach to the design and operation of our surroundings.

It is important to design and adapt the environment to encourage physical activity in our everyday lives, making active choice the easy choice and to ensure that active and sustainable environments and communities exist across our region of Northumberland and Tyne & Wear.

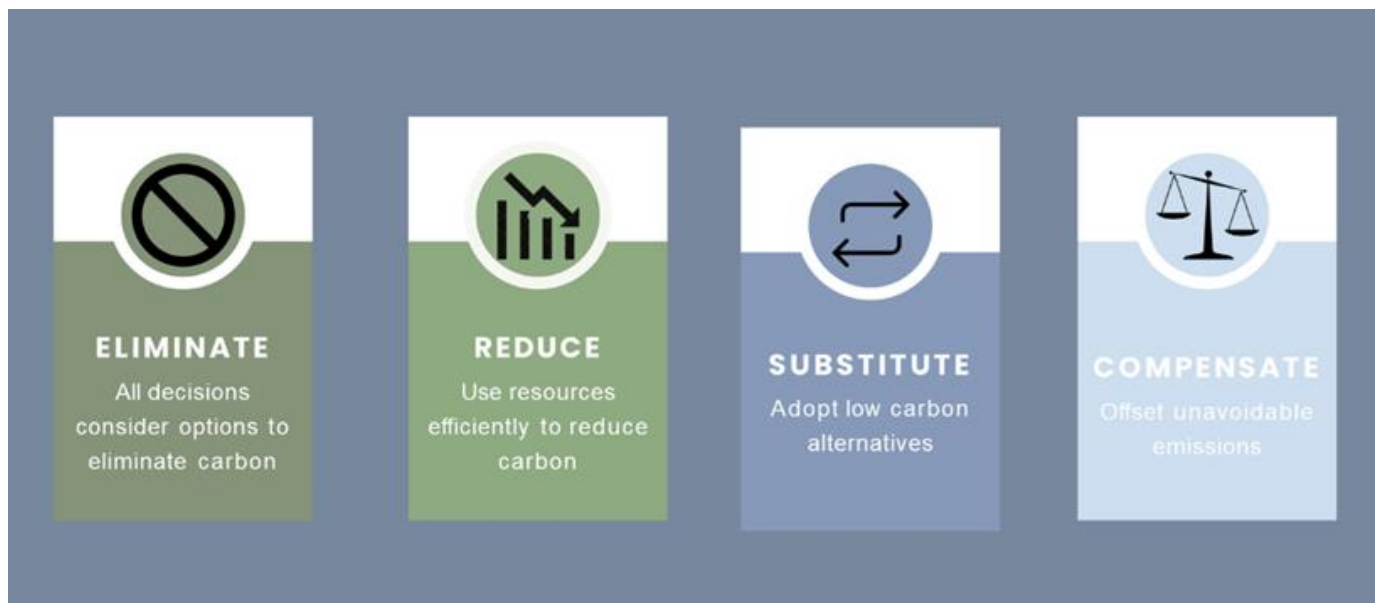
At Rise we understand that talking to our stakeholders about the environment requires us as an organisation to also understand our own impact. We are therefore committed to achieving net zero by 2030. Making this commitment demonstrates a clear focus on getting ahead of the challenge, making a difference to our business, our people and our communities.





## Net-Zero Strategy

In determining our carbon reduction plan, we follow the Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Management Hierarchy set out by the Institute of Environmental Management and Assessment (IEMA). Rise is committed to prioritising the elimination, substitution, and reduction of carbon in advance of any offsetting commitments.



## Completed Carbon Reduction Initiatives

The following environmental management measures and projects have been completed or implemented during this reporting period;

- 100% renewable electricity at our office
- Sustainability Consultant employed to track, report and work to drive our understanding and emissions data
- Energy and water usage is subject to regular reviews
- Carbon Literacy training to 100% of staff
- Investors in the Environment Silver Award
- Audit our waste quarterly and launched our waste management plan



# Step two.

*Measure*





Total carbon emissions  
12,455 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e

### Intensity Metrics



Per Employee

This Period

**502** kg/co<sub>2</sub>e

Last Period

**14.70 %** ↓ 588 kg/co<sub>2</sub>e



Per £1000 Turnover

This Period

**8** kg/co<sub>2</sub>e

Last Period

**6.21 %** ↓ 8 kg/co<sub>2</sub>e



Per m<sup>2</sup> Office Space

This Period

**96** kg/co<sub>2</sub>e

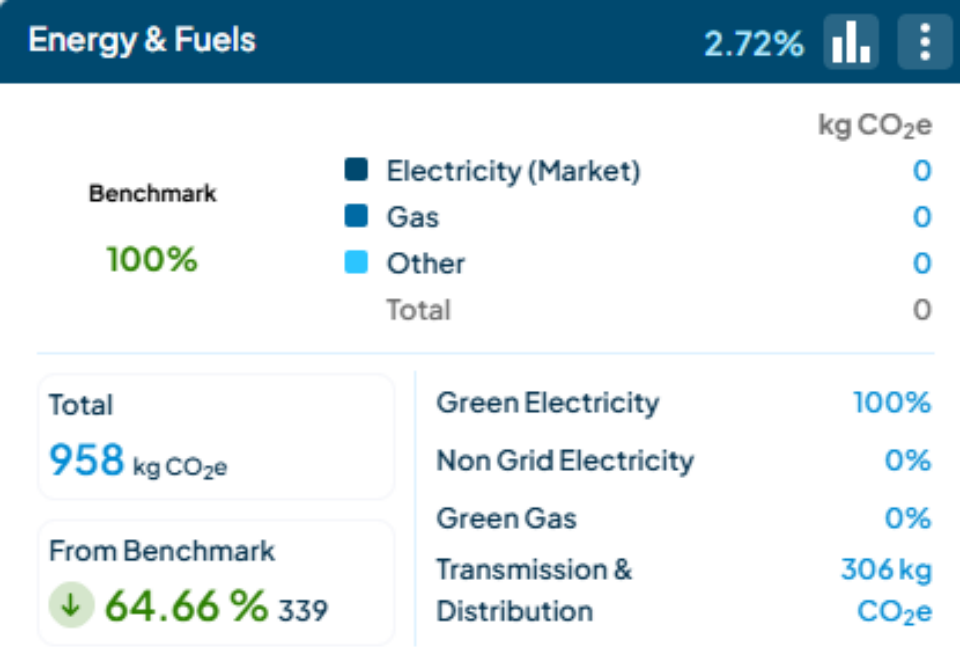
Last Period

**11.03 %** ↓ 108 kg/co<sub>2</sub>e

Reporting Year: April 23 – March 24

Rise emitted 12.45 tCO<sub>2</sub>e (Kilogrammes of carbon dioxide equivalent<sup>1</sup>) across scope 1, 2 and 3 and reported using the operational control methodology. This is the equivalent to 21.2 long haul flights (London to New York). This represents a 27.31% reduction from our benchmark year.

This can be presented as an intensity indicator of 502 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per total full-time equivalent employee (FTE) or 8 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e per £1,000 turnover.



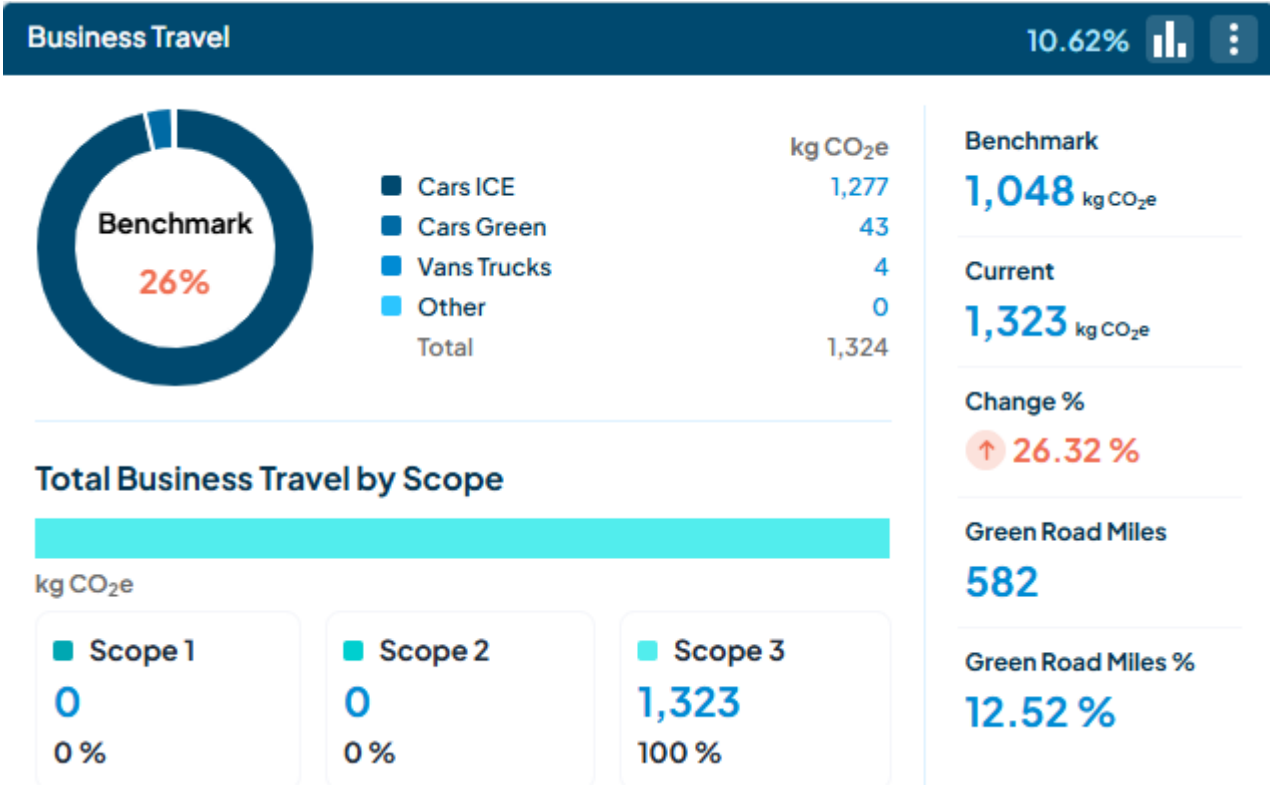
Rise operates from one central office in North Tyneside, working a business wide hybrid working pattern – Rise commenced a 4-day working week trial in June 2023

Only electricity is used at site and is a 100% renewable tariff. Data was calculated using whole building usage data and apportioning to our office size.

Associated emissions represent a >100% reduction from our benchmark year using the market-based calculation method.

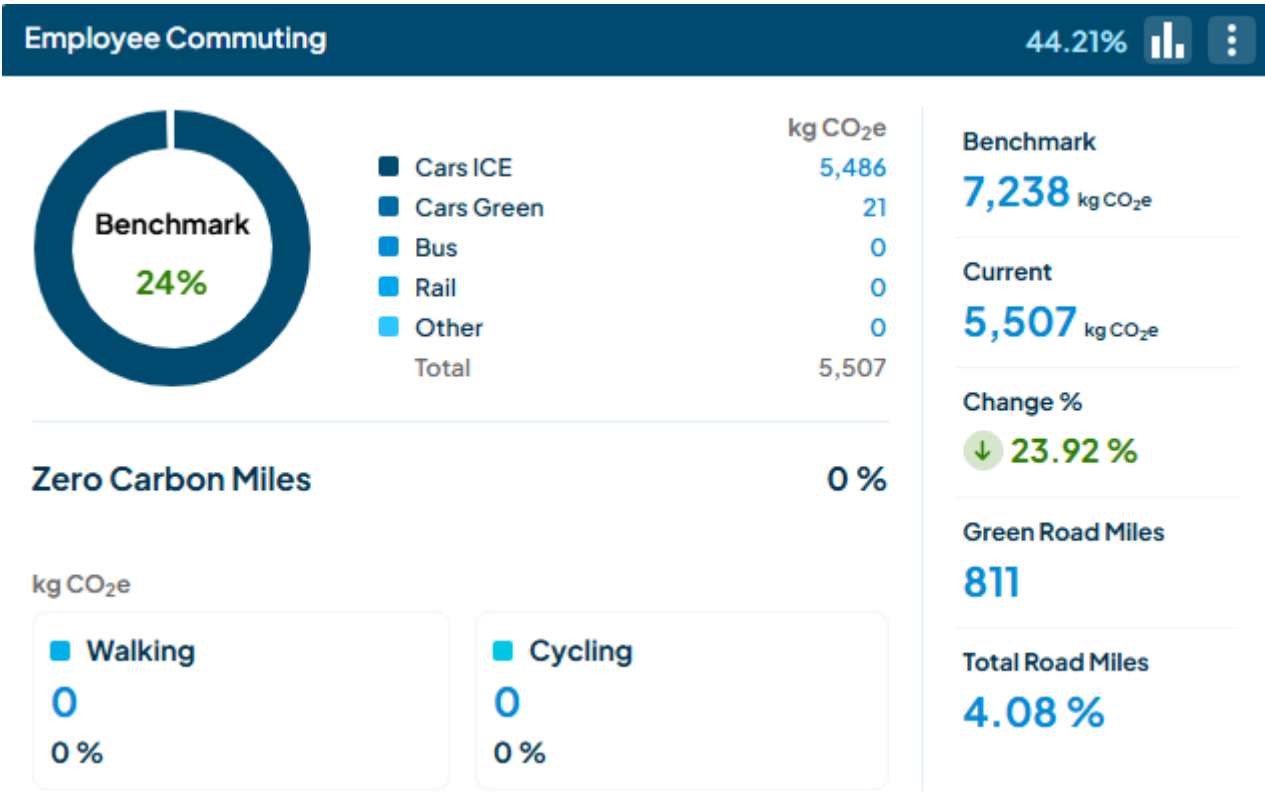
Location based electricity emissions would total 3.54 tCO<sub>2</sub>e.





Rise`s business travel is 10.62% of emissions and essential to provide services to clients.

This represents a 26.32% increase from our benchmark year and is an indication of increased business and more associated travel.



Benchmark

7,238

kg CO<sub>2</sub>e

7,238

Current

5,507

kg CO<sub>2</sub>e

5,507

Change %

23.92 %

Green Road Miles

811

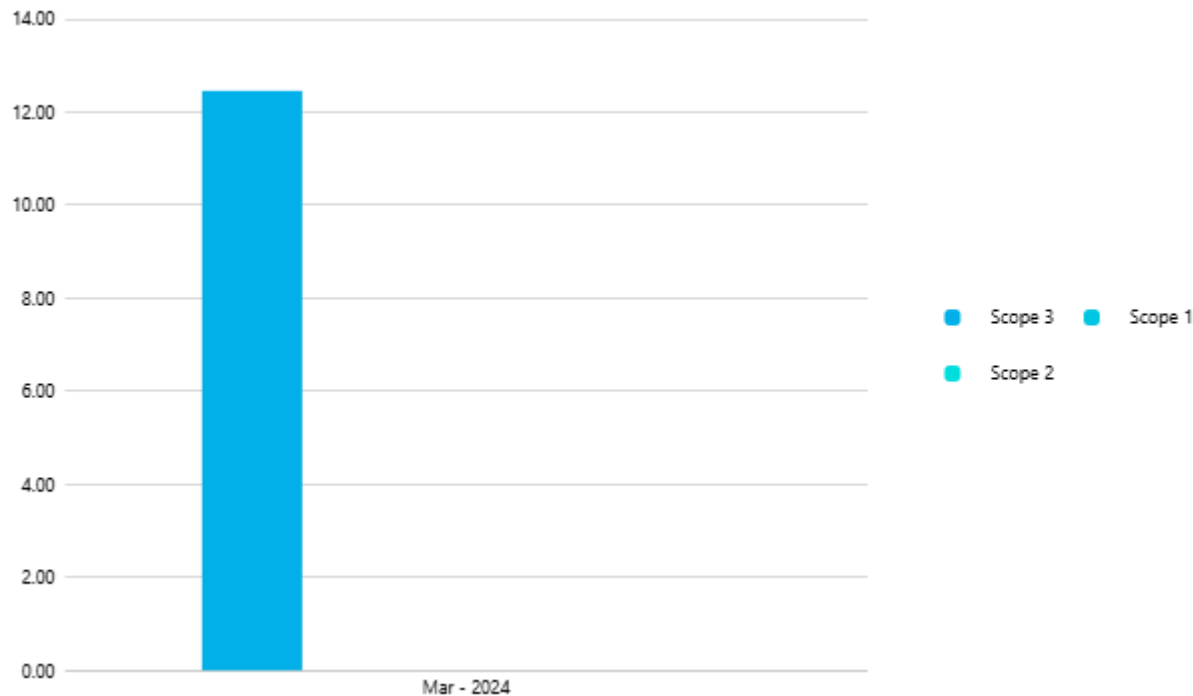
Total Road Miles

4.08 %

As a business employing over 25 people (average for the reporting year), developing our culture and working to deliver our products and services to clients means working from our site is essential to business.

Related emissions are 44.21% (5.5 tCO<sub>2</sub>e) of total emissions, this represents a 24% reduction from our benchmark year.

Commuting data was calculated using staff surveys and extrapolated over the year.



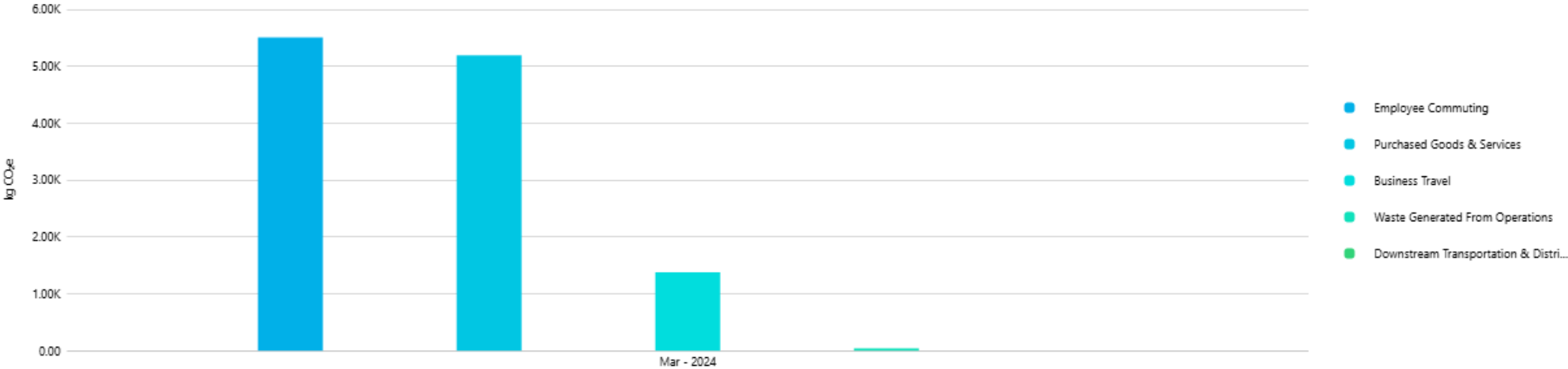
We have worked hard to reduce our Scopes 1&2 emissions to 0 and are bringing together a strategy to consider Scope 3 emissions and supply chain engagement. Program to launch in 2024 to enable a clearer understanding of key impact areas and an ability to move away from spend based factors reduce associated emissions.

Whilst this means we may not have direct control over the sources and solutions, we are committed to working with our suppliers and people to reduce our emissions and make a positive impact where possible






Scope 3 emissions represent > 100% of recorded emissions. Our ongoing focus will be to develop new internal processes to record more value chain emissions through our Supply Chain Program, launching 2024.

- 1 – Some Products and services
- 9 – Downstream transportation and Distribution
- 6 – Business Travel
- 7 – Employee Commuting
- 8 – Waste





Scope	Category		Quality
Scope 1	Company Fleet		
Scope 2	Electricity Usage		
Scope 3	Purchased Goods and Services	Water	
		Paper	
		Software	
		Furniture	
		Office supplies	
		Downstream Freight	
		Telecoms	
		Insurance	
		Accounting	
	Waste Generated in Operations	General Waste	
		Mixed recycling	
	Business Travel	Employee commuting	
		Hotel Stays	
		Road travel	

-  Data inputted in optimal format
-  Spend based
-  Data estimated based on assumptions

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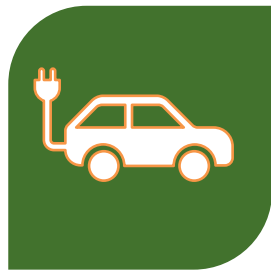
# Step three.

*Reduce*





The following carbon hotspots have been identified from Rise's carbon footprint.



BUSINESS TRAVEL



FINANCIAL  
SERVICES



WEB HOSTING &  
SOFTWARE



EMPLOYEE  
COMMUTING



## Action Plan & Targets:

We achieved Investors in the Environment Silver Award and are now working towards Green, all actions and targets are aligned to this commitment.

### Scope 3 – Supply Chain

We are committed to improving the quality and quantity of our Greenhouse Gas inventory and are targeting to have engagement with and understand the carbon emissions of 100% of our supply chain by 2030. To accomplish this we will launch our supply chain engagement program in 2024.

### Business Travel

We have developed a business travel approach within our Environmental & Sustainability Policy which was approved by the Board in May 2022 and has been reviewed and signed off annually 2023/24. This is to ensure we consider the impact of all business travel.

This includes the following:

1. Supporting the workforce to travel actively (walk, cycle bus as examples) where possible.
2. Avoiding physically traveling to meetings where there is an equally accessible and viable alternative such as teleconferencing.
3. Travelling by train rather than car for any journeys to meetings/conferences/events which are over 100 miles away.
4. Incentivising car sharing where car travel is unavoidable, by paying a passenger surplus per mile.

In addition to our business travel approach in the adopted Environmental & Sustainability Policy, we will:

1. Launch a salary sacrifice EV schemes to support EV transition next FY.

### Utilities

Rise will actively encourage a wider understanding of water and energy efficiency across the business, reducing office consumption and associated emissions whilst also supporting our homeworking staff use less.





## Action Plan & Targets: – continued

### Commuting

Rise is aware, as a service business, that our people will represent most of our carbon emissions. Rise has implemented a flexible working policy requiring staff to attend the office one day per week, this reduces our commuting related carbon emissions by 28,964 kgCO<sub>2</sub>e pa, the equivalent to taking 10 cars off the road for a year.

Employee commuting data was collated by a staff survey and will continue to be obtained this way. The green miles relate to the two EV's currently used by Rise staff. The data will enable us to consider further how we work to deliver our services and consider implementing policies to reduce our impact such as;

1. Car sharing and public transport considered.
2. Walking or cycling if feasible.
3. Over time considering salary sacrifice EV schemes to support EV transition

### Waste

We have achieved an Investors in the Environment Silver accreditation and working towards Green (IIE), and one area of focus for this has been our waste. We have undertaken a waste audit that has provided the weights, types and data associated to the waste produced by Rise. The audit consists of splitting our waste types, weighing and recording these on a quarterly basis.

The IIE accreditation requires the completion of a waste management system/plan to ensure that waste is managed as effectively and efficiently as possible. A waste management document has been produced that includes periodic checks by the Green Champions to ensure that the waste management system/plan is being adhered to.

The waste management system/plan requires the waste to be audited quarterly and the data to be used for reporting purposes.

The approved Environmental & Sustainability Policy seeks to minimise waste reduction by re-use and recycling methods and because we are based in a serviced office, we have introduced separate waste collection bins in our office and made a commitment that the staff team will ensure that recyclable waste is taken to an appropriate recycling facility.

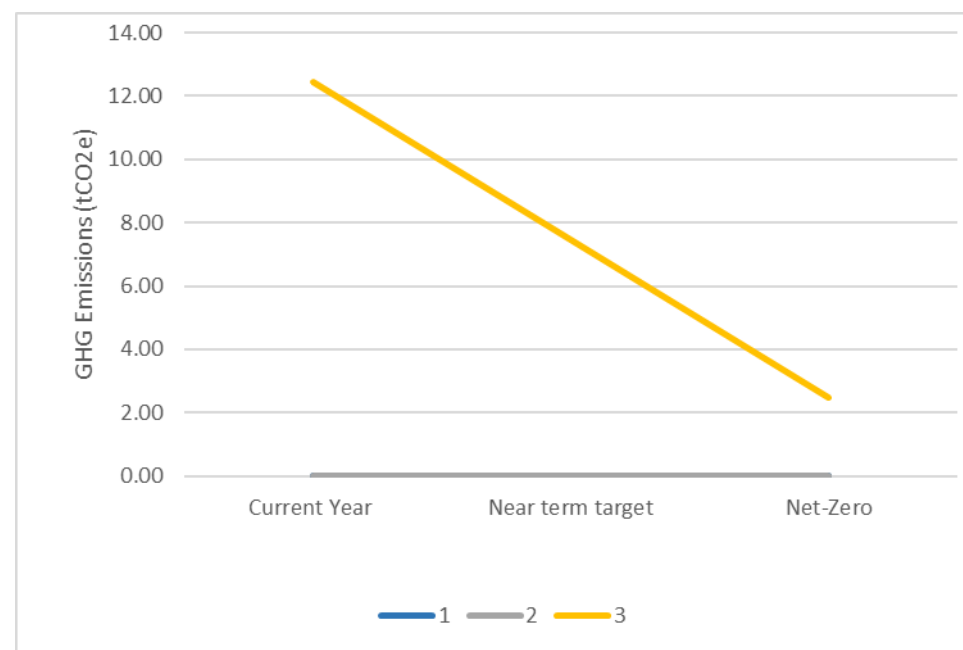
To support, monitor and manage our ambition we continue to work with a sustainability consultant (SBS) and track our carbon footprint.



- In order to align with 1.5 degrees global warming, Rise will follow a Science based target pathway, setting near term targets using the SBTi format.
- The target years show Rise's GHG emissions near term targets to 2025 (short-term) and 2030 (long-term net-zero). If Rise hits these targets, the company will be aligned with 1.5 degrees global warming.
- Near term Scope 3 emission targets are to engage with 100% of suppliers and understand their carbon emission by 2030.
- Long term Scope 1&2 targets are to reduce to 0 emissions and continue to use 100% renewable electricity.
- Long term target to be net-zero 2030

Scope	Current Year 2024	Near term target 2025	% reduction (from base year)	Net-Zero 2030
1	0.00	0.00	100	0.00
2	0.00	0.00	100	0.00
3	12.46	7.47	50	2.49
Total	12.46	7.47		1.06

**Table 2:** Rise's science-based targets and the required % reductions (tCO<sub>2</sub>e)



**Figure 2:** Rise's science-based targets, split by scope.



# Step four.

*Engage*





## Stakeholder engagement

We are passionate and committed to understanding more about our impact on the environment and the communities within which we serve.

We commit to actively talking about our journey to our people , supply chain, customers, funders and through social media and marketing to support further the workforce of a net-zero economy

Every employee at Rise has been through carbon literacy training.

Collectively we can make a difference.





## Declaration and sign off

This report has been created using the Environmental Reporting Guidelines<sup>1</sup>, including Streamline Energy & Carbon Reporting<sup>1</sup> guidance and PPN 06/21<sup>2</sup>. The report uses the operational control approach to establishing the reporting boundary. The methodology adopted is in line with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol<sup>3</sup> and the Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3 ) Standard<sup>4</sup>.

The calculations were completed using the UK Government Greenhouse Gas conversion factors<sup>5</sup>, notch software, and Small World Consulting environmental input output factors<sup>6</sup>. And reviewed and signed off by SBS.

This Carbon Reduction Report & Plan has been reviewed and signed off by the board of directors.

Signed on behalf of Rise

Clare Morley, CEO

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024

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1 - [Environmental reporting guidelines: including Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting requirements - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-reporting-guidelines)

2 - [Procurement Policy Note 06/21: Taking account of Carbon Reduction Plans in the procurement of major government contracts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-policy-note-0621-taking-account-of-carbon-reduction-plans-in-the-procurement-of-major-government-contracts)

3 - [Homepage | GHG Protocol](https://www.ghgprotocol.org/)

4 - [Corporate Value Chain \(Scope 3\) Standard | GHG Protocol](https://www.ghgprotocol.org/)

5 - [Government conversion factors for company reporting of greenhouse gas emissions - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-conversion-factors-for-company-reporting-of-greenhouse-gas-emissions)

6 - [MRIO | Small World Consulting \(sw-consulting.co.uk\)](https://www.sw-consulting.co.uk/)



# Glossary

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Term	Definition
Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO <sub>2</sub> e)	Carbon dioxide equivalent (CO <sub>2</sub> e) is the unit of measurement which allows different greenhouse gases to be compared on a like for like basis relative to one unit of CO <sub>2</sub> .
Intensity indicator	Intensity indicators compare emissions data with an appropriate business metric or financial indicator, such as staff numbers, to allow comparison over time or with other organisations
Organisational boundaries	In setting organizational boundaries, a company selects an approach for consolidating GHG emissions and then consistently applies the selected approach to define those businesses and operations that constitute the company for the purpose of accounting and reporting GHG emissions.
<u>Greenhouse</u> Gas Protocol	GHG Protocol supplies the world's most widely used greenhouse gas accounting standards
UK Government emissions factors	These emission conversion factors are for use by UK and international organisations to report on and are updated annually, greenhouse gas emissions. From: Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
Scope 1	Direct emissions that result from activities within your organisation's control. This might include on-site fuel combustion, manufacturing and process emissions, refrigerant losses and company vehicles.
Scope 2	Indirect emissions from any electricity, heat or steam you purchase and use. Although you're not directly in control of the emissions, by using the energy you are indirectly responsible for the release of CO <sub>2</sub> .
Scope 3	Includes all other indirect emissions that occur in a company value chain, eg purchased goods, travel and waste disposal
Carbon footprint	A carbon footprint is the total greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions caused directly and indirectly by an individual, organisation, event or product, and is expressed as a carbon dioxide equivalent (CO <sub>2</sub> e)
Benchmark year	The initial reporting year to be used to set reduction targets against
Operational control	After a company has determined its organizational boundaries in terms of the operations that it owns or controls, it then sets its operational boundaries. This involves identifying emissions associated with its operations



# Thank you.

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