

Total net grants and project expenditure for the year to 31 March 2017 was £4.6 million below budget, and other expenditure was £0.1 million lower than budget. This was mostly due to capital funding that was budgeted for in the financial year not finalising before the year end, with final funding decisions now taking place in 2017-18.

Environmental Sustainability

Creative Scotland is committed to reducing the environmental impact of its operations, as well as promoting carbon efficiency and sustainable behaviours across the arts, screen and creative industries. An environment policy sets out Creative Scotland's statutory requirements under the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and to assist the Scottish Government's target of cutting CO₂ emissions by 42% by 2020. Our work in this area includes:

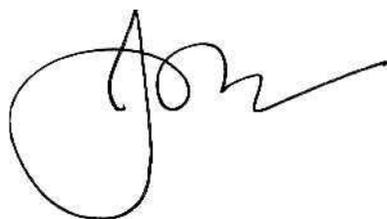
- Working in conjunction with Creative Carbon Scotland in promoting the environment to support funded organisations, enabling them to report on their sustainable behaviour and contribution to CO₂ emission reduction. Environmental sustainability is a criterion in the assessment of applications from organisations for regular funding and carbon reporting will be mandatory for these organisations during the period of funding.
- Ensuring environmental sustainability is a key criterion in the assessment of tenders during the procurement processes.
- Establishing an environmental working group to co-ordinate and lead on environmental sustainability issues

During 2015/16, plans were being drafted to improve carbon measurement and reduction through direct operations. Monitoring of GHG emissions in tonnes of CO₂ for 2 key areas for our operations for 2015/16 and 2016/17 were undertaken, with key results shown in the table below:

	2016-17 GHG (tCO ₂ e)	2015-16 GHG (tCO ₂ e)	% change
Energy	57.6	85.8	-33%
Business Travel	88.1	87	1%

During 2016-17, the Glasgow office relocated to the Lighthouse building. Electricity is provided as part of the lease agreement and not separately identifiable for Creative Scotland, therefore for 2016-17 the figures only include the Edinburgh office.

More information on our environment policy can be found at creativescotland.com



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