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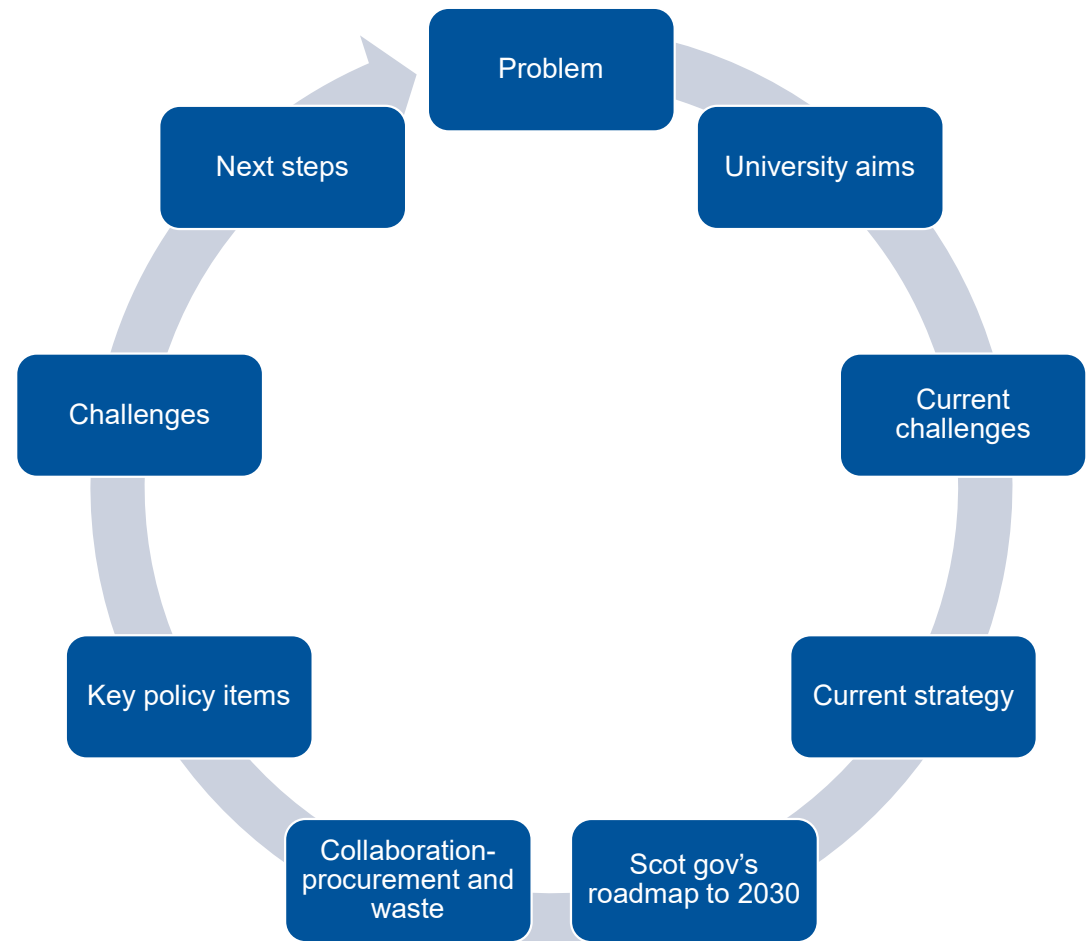
Circular Economy Plan

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Drawing a line in the sand- demanding action



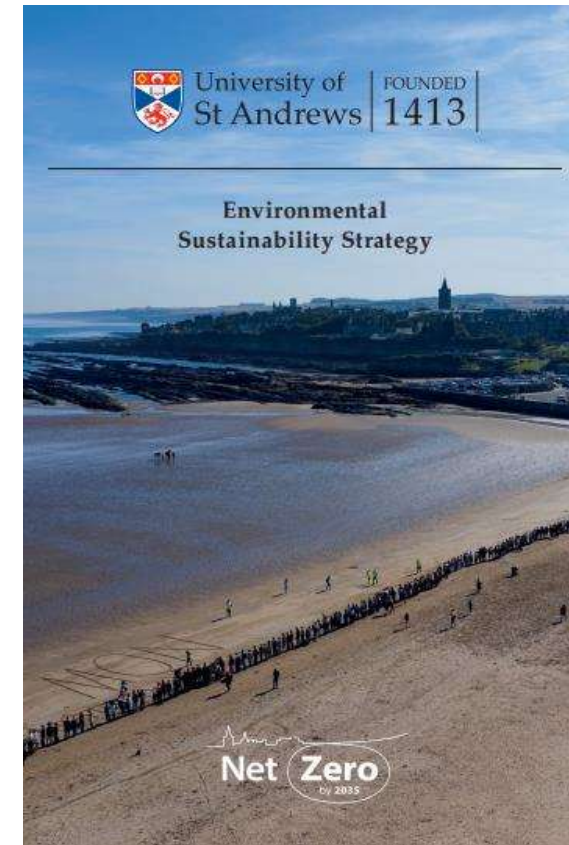
Sustainability Strategy

All by 2035

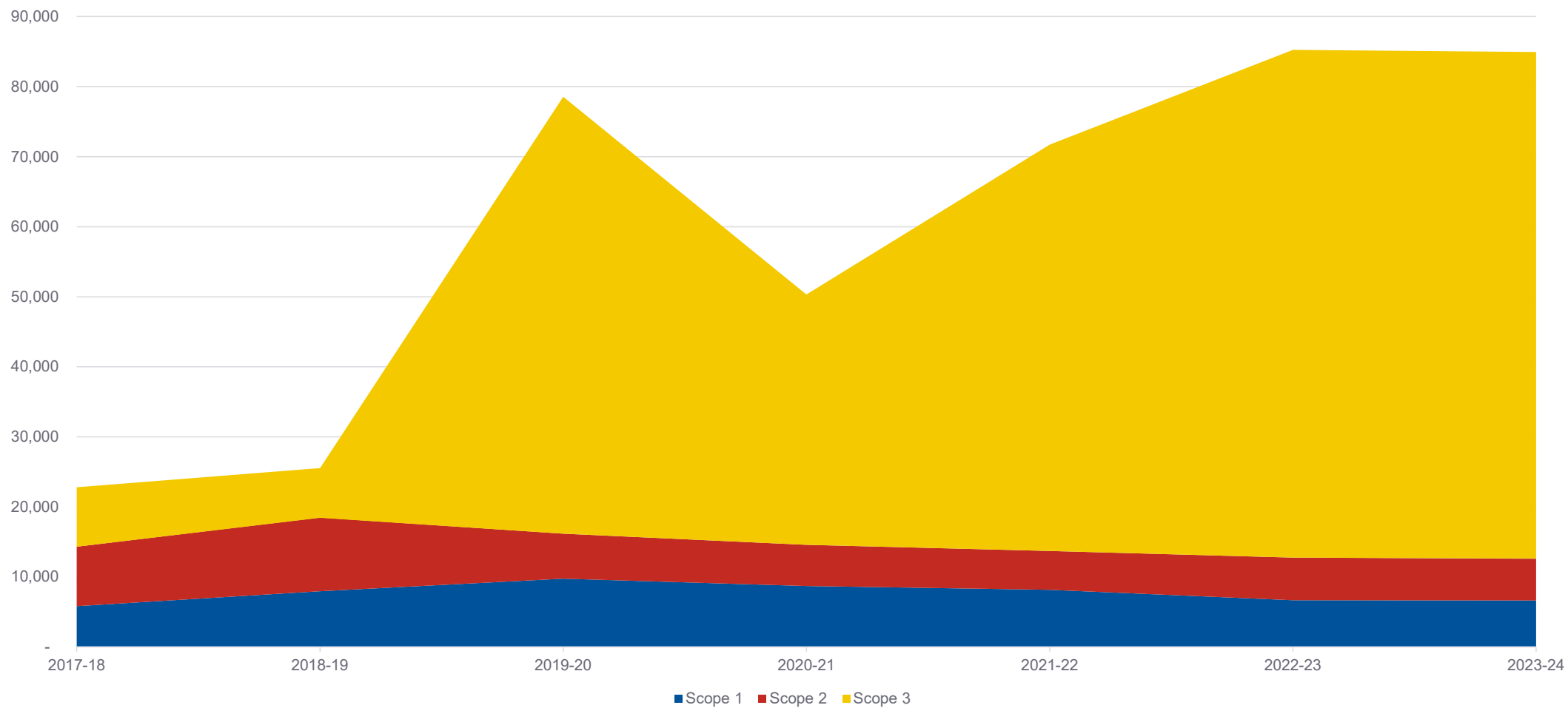
**Net Zero for all
greenhouse gas
emissions (not
just carbon)**

**Sustainability
Positive (our
response to the
nature emergency.
Includes
engagement,
research &
teaching)**

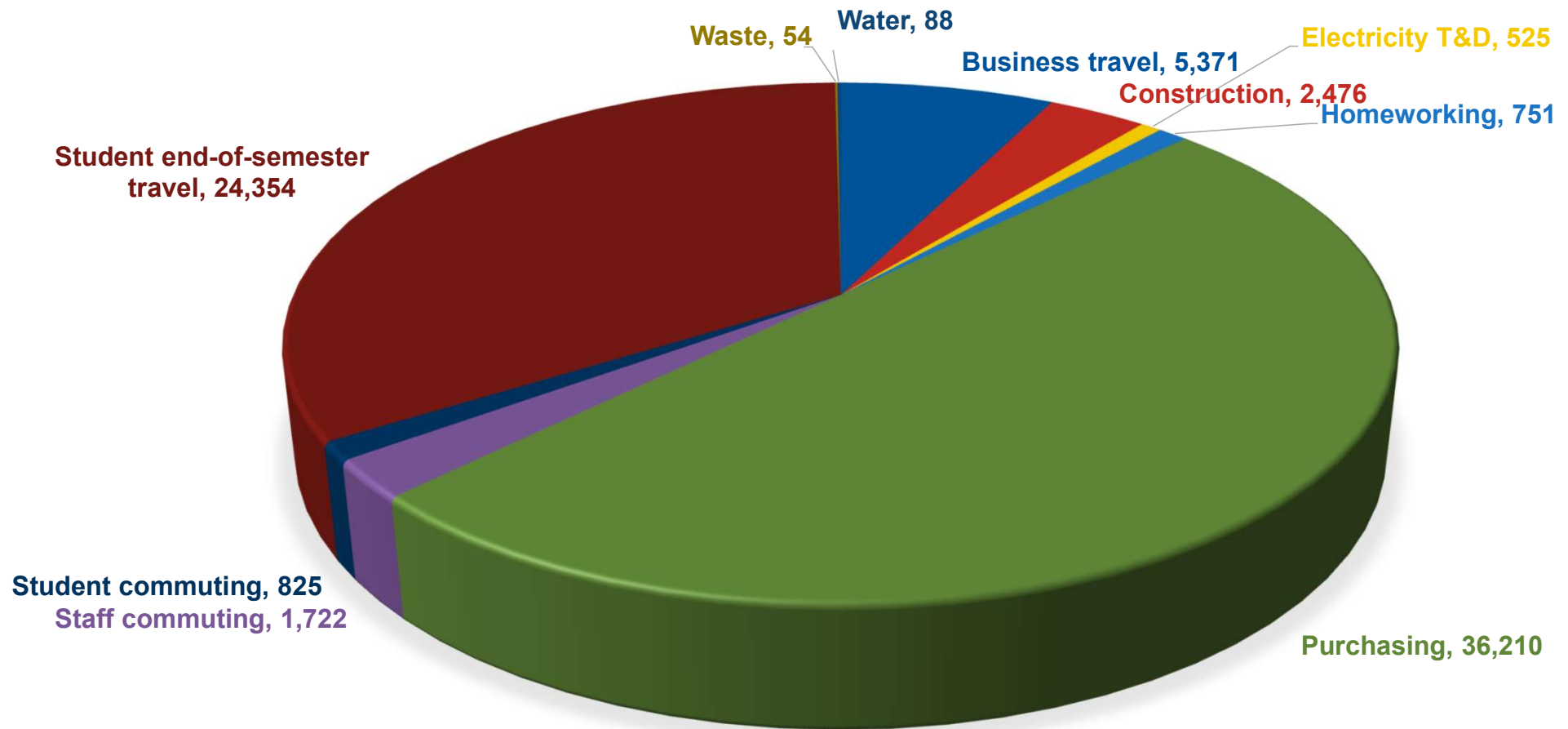
**Climate
Adaptive**

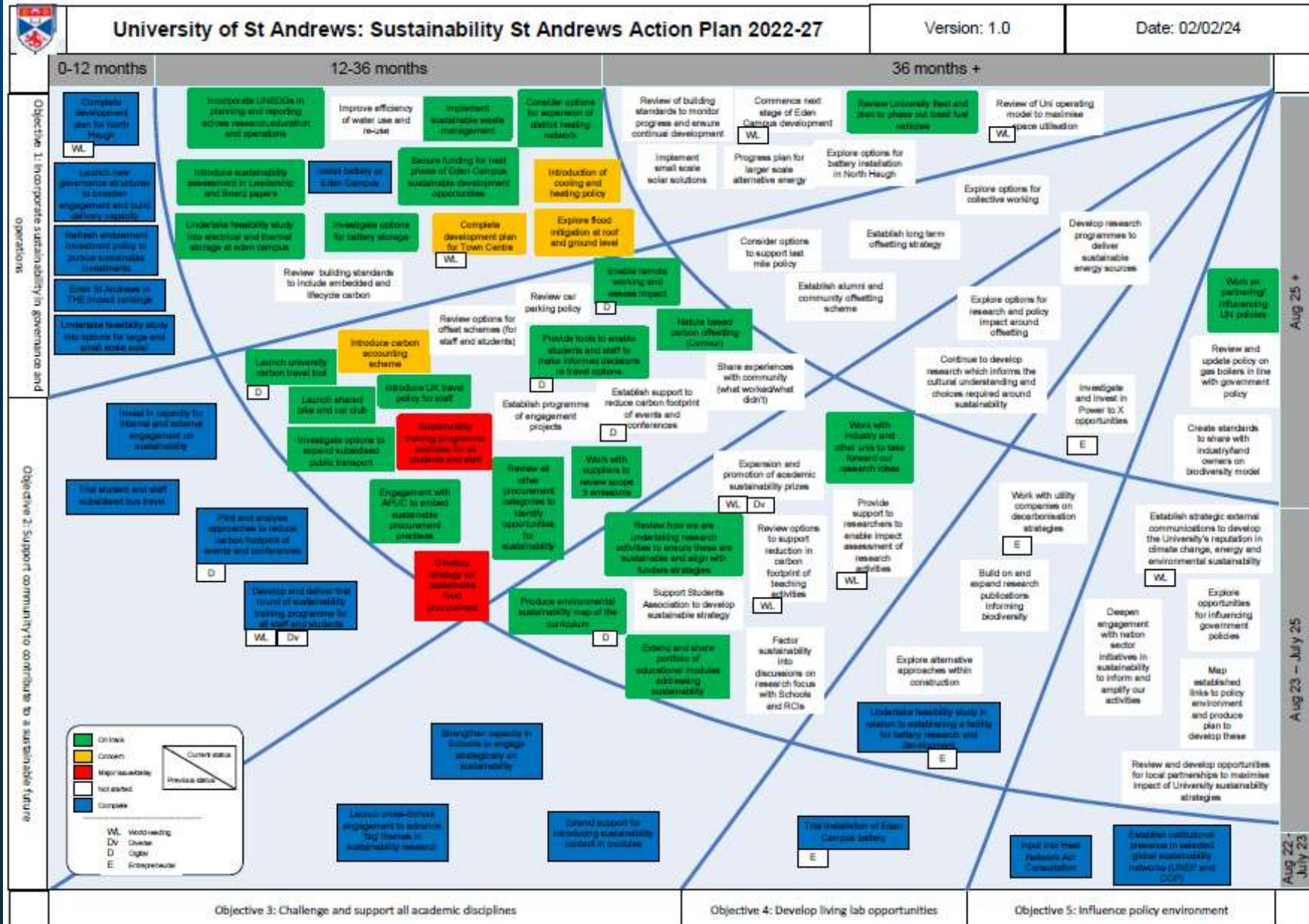


Carbon Emissions by Scope (Tonnes CO2)

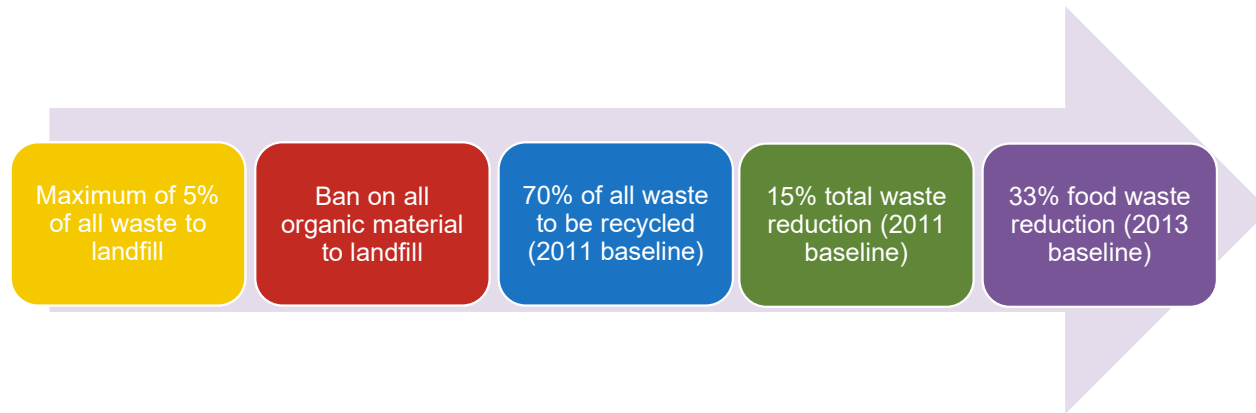


SCOPE 3 CARBON FIGURES 2023-24 (TCO₂)

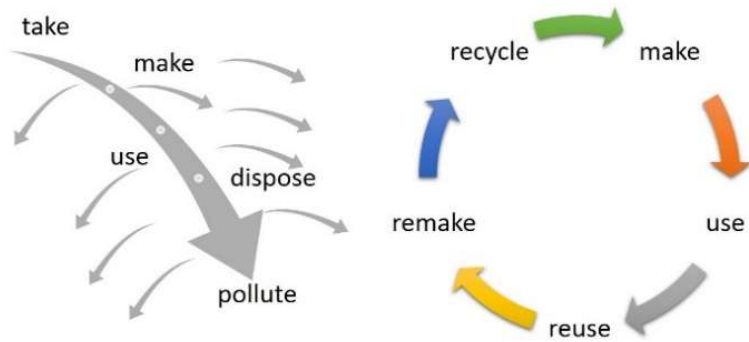




Based on Scot Gov's 2025 Circular Economy Plan



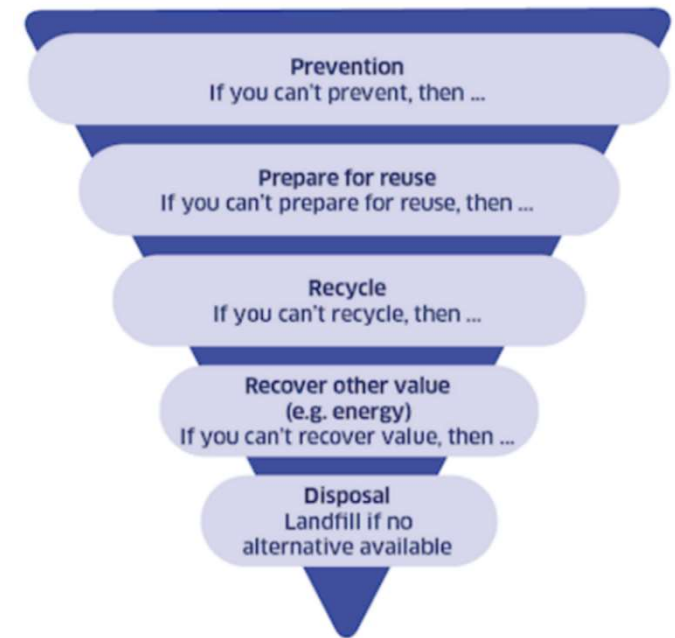
Circular Economy V's Purchasing



Scotland's circular economy and waste route map to 2030

The 4 strategic aims:

- 1: Reduce and reuse
- 2: Modernise recycling
- 3: Decarbonise disposal
- 4: Strengthen the circular economy



Key policy items

Identify accurate weights

Improve & simplify recycling (signage, clearer waste streams)

Reuse Partnerships (through St AndReuse, halls & academic schools)

Construction & deconstruction

Procurement- tenders, centralising accounts and suppliers

Remanufacturing

Remanufacturing

- Limited markets
- Recycle Scotland- exam desks and couches
- Projects team collaboration on wider remanufacturing opportunities
- Work with Procurement to restrict furniture purchases and redirect to estates furniture store



Challenges

Credit cards!!

Providing more clout for Procurement to restrict purchasing

Skips are still too easy to obtain

Estates largely pay for all waste (with the exception of halls and hazardous lab waste)

Next steps

- Full support for Circular Economy Plan, with the Principals Office assigning a lead on Circular Economy
- Collaboration with procurement- stuff we buy v waste
- Increase reuse and remanufacturing
- Challenging skip use and recharging departments for disposal
- Delivery group on Circular Economy

Q&A

Net Zero
by 2035

ACTION
NOT WORDS

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