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Climate Change Reporting

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Section 6: Validation and Declaration

Question 6a, 6b & 6c

6 Validation and Declaration

6a Internal validation process ?

Briefly describe the body's internal validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

The data in this report is validated internally through monthly submission of data to the board report. This report has been reviewed with the Head of Corporate Programmes and the Head of Property & Facilities prior to submission to the Executive Leadership Group.

6b Peer validation process ?

Briefly describe the body's peer validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

We are currently approaching partner organisations in order to determine how best to develop peer validation systems for future reports.

6c External validation process ?

Briefly describe the body's external validation process, if any, of the data or information contained within this report.

Example 1)

We have our annual carbon footprint data subjected to external verification to ISO 14064-1; this process provides valuable assurance that our reported footprint is accurate, complete and consistent.

In addition, our 2010 Carbon Plan (now the Carbon Management Plan) was reviewed by the Carbon Trust. The latest iteration of the draft CMP (due to be published in late 2016) takes into account the feedback provided and will be more comprehensive and effective as a result.

Example 2)

Portions of the data presented here have been validated externally in relation to the CRC process and in relation to SEPA validation of waste data. The historical carbon footprint data series of the Council has been validated in terms of correct application of emission factors and scopes by a third party organisation (Carbon Forecast Ltd) as part of a programme of support to improve carbon data management.