

# Have you been asked for your CO<sub>2</sub> report?



## Access Accounting releases practical solution for measuring carbon emissions

Climate change, specifically, the need to reduce carbon emissions, is high-profile news. Businesses will be expected to play their part - and the majority want to do their bit - but deciphering what is and what is not relevant to the SME has represented a considerable challenge - until now.

Business software house Access Accounting has unveiled new functionality from its Access Dimensions accounting package that provides the first truly practical solution for organisations looking to measure their carbon footprint. The launch took place at the recent Softworld Exhibition in London and was attended by Tim Yeo, MP, chairman of the Commons Environmental Audit Committee at Westminster.

### Available As Standard

Access Accounting Ireland is offering the new accounting for carbon emissions functionality within the latest version of its Access Dimensions software at no extra charge. The initiative was part of the company's ongoing strategy to help reduce business complexity and extend the reach of its solutions. Developed to conform with the Greenhouse Gas Protocol (GHG Protocol) accounting framework and DEFRA conversion tables, the software enables organisations to account for their carbon emissions as part of normal day-to-day operations. It adds no cost or complexity, making the figures as easy to access as financial reports.

### Measurement Is Key

Peter O'Rourke, managing director for Access Accounting Ireland, commented: "There is a growing financial and moral imperative to reduce carbon emissions. Increasingly taxes are being levied on high carbon emitting business activities, so the ability to manage them down makes financial sense. There are softer benefits to reducing carbon emissions too. Companies are more attractive to their multinational customers, employees and the communities in which they operate. The challenge has always been where to start. The answer is measurement. After all you can't manage what you can't measure."

### Practical Tools

O'Rourke explained: "When we looked at the means by which customers could easily and cost effectively measure carbon emissions, it was clear there was a lack of practical tools out

there. It soon became apparent that the existing infrastructure of Access Dimensions offered a perfect solution, as it already held most of the data necessary to calculate the carbon footprint.

"Our development teams then incorporated the DEFRA conversion tables to close the loop on measurement. As with all great ideas, it sounds far simpler than it was."

### The Company

Access Accounting is the leading business software house serving the mid-market. The company specialises in the design and development of integrated solutions for growing organisations, helping to streamline their processes and increasing data accessibility for better decision-making. The company's flagship solution, Access Dimensions, is the most flexible, fully featured business and accounting solution on the market, and is suitable for use in almost any industry sector, whatever the organisational structure and business processes.

Access Accounting is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner and a member of the Business Application Software Developers Association (BASDA). Its solutions are also accredited by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW) and HM Revenue & Customs' Payroll Standards Scheme.

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