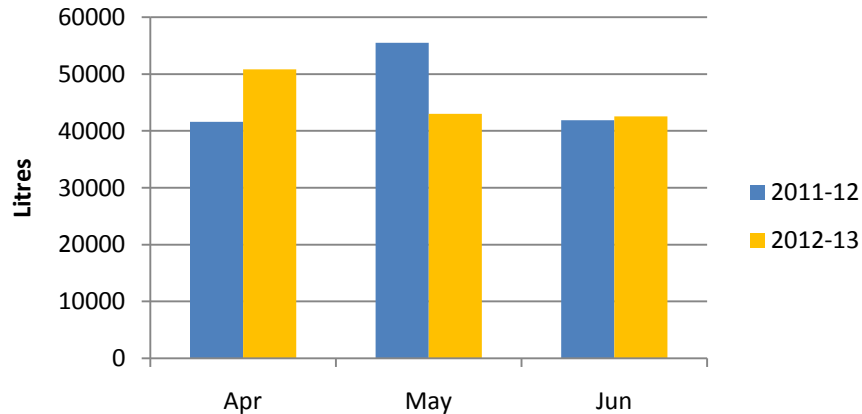


Environmental Performance

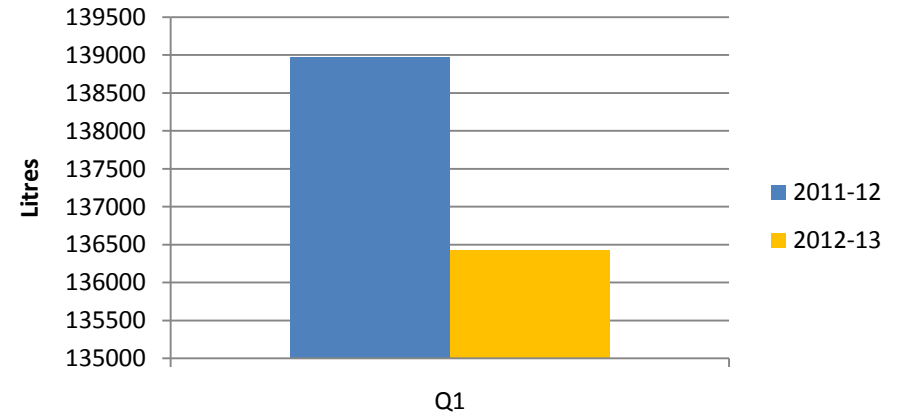
The Council is currently developing an Environmental Management System which will fully integrate an understanding of its environmental impacts into its operations and will enable continual improvement in its environmental performance. For 2012-13, environmental objectives and targets have been set. These include the following:

- To reduce the fuel consumption of the Council's fleet by 5% (from 2011/12 baseline).
- To reduce electricity consumption from our operations by 5% (from 2011/12 baseline).
- To reduce gas consumption from our operations by 5% (from 2011/12 baseline).
- To develop suitable method of capturing water consumption on a regular basis. System in place to capture quarterly figures at a minimum in 2012-13.
- To develop method of capturing quantities of waste. System in place by June 2012.
- To develop a programme to ensure the management of biodiversity in carrying out our functions by April 2013
- To develop and implement all relevant operational procedures for significant environmental aspects
- To develop guidance and protocols for sustainable procurement.
- To develop a method to ensure that environmental implications are considered in decision making. Tool and guidance to be developed by April 2013

Monthly fuel use comparison

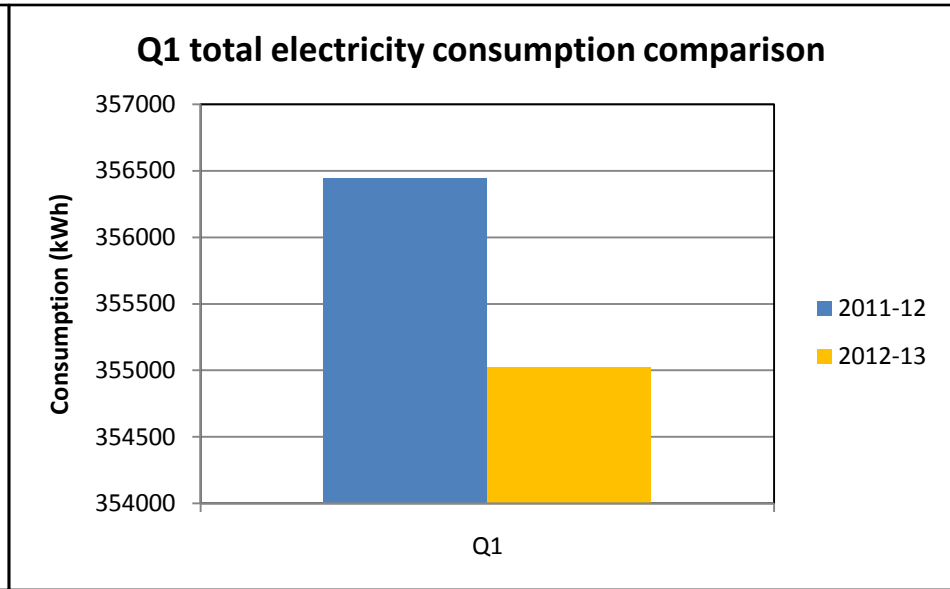
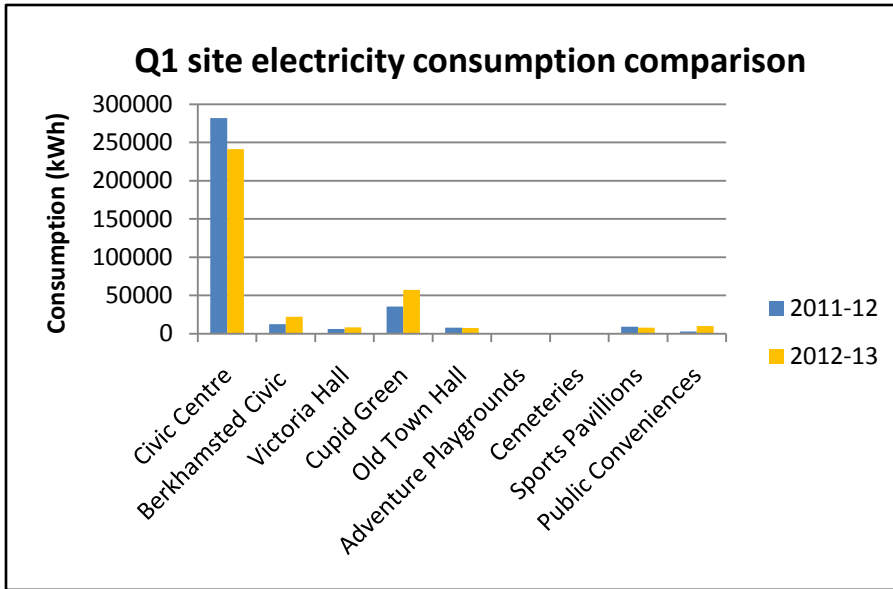


Q1 total fuel use comparison



2012-13 demonstrates a 1.8% reduction in comparison to 2011-12 usage for Q1

Environmental Performance (cont.)



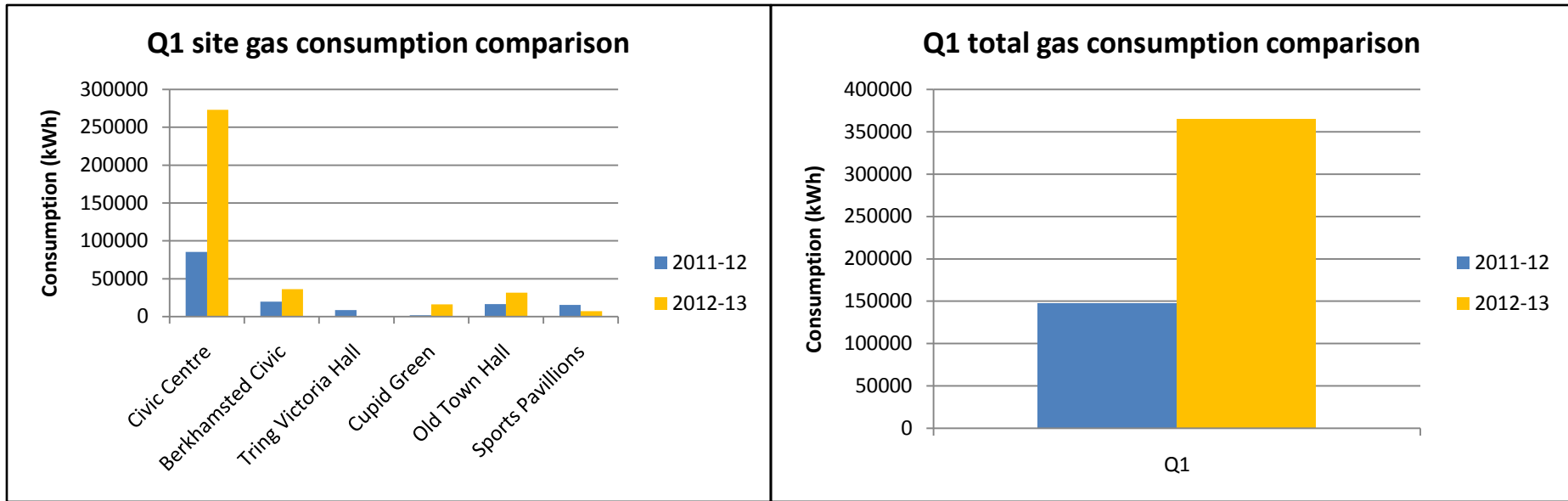
Complete data was not available for the cemeteries for Q1 in both 2011-12 and 2012-13; and complete data was not available for the adventure playgrounds for Q1 in 2012-13 due to a dispute with the bill. Installation of smart meters at all of these sites is due to be completed so that regular accurate data can be collected.

Excluding the incomplete cemetery and adventure playground data, 2012-13 demonstrates a 0.4% reduction in comparison to 2011-12 usage for Q1.

Planned work to reduce the Council's electricity consumption includes:

- The mapping of light switches in Unit B of the Civic Centre
- The installation of voltage optimisation at Berkhamsted Civic Centre and Cupid Green Depot
- The installation of insulation lagging on hot water pipes at sports pavilions

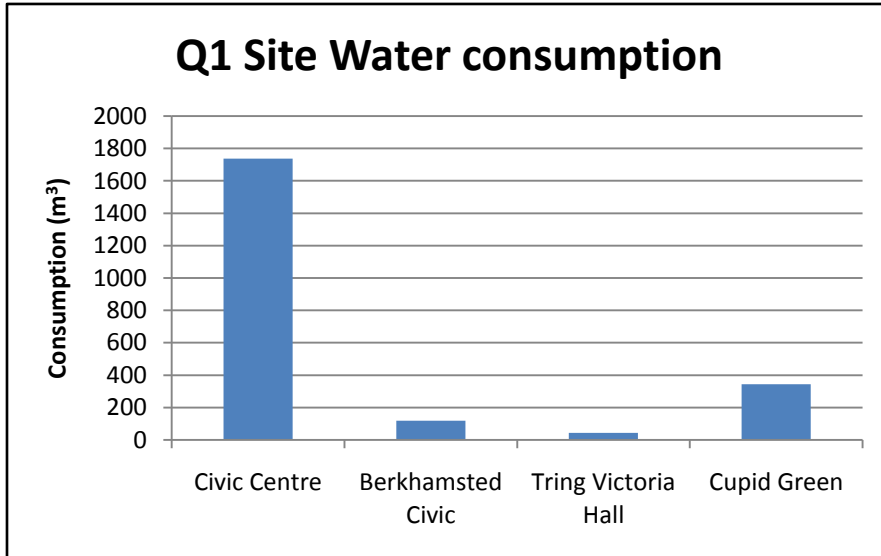
Environmental Performance (cont.)



2012-13 demonstrates a 148.3% increase in comparison to 2011-12 usage for Q1.

All sites demonstrated a slight increase in use compared to 2011-12 and this is considered to be as a result of the colder, wetter weather. An investigation will be undertaken to try to understand the cause of the Civic Centre's increase.

Environmental Performance (cont.)



In 2012-13 it is the first year that the Council has recorded quarterly water consumption data for its buildings. Not all operational buildings have been able to be included and this does not include the water used by Clean Safe and Green and Housing Cleaning for street cleaning, watering plants and cleaning housing areas.

The Council is meeting with Veolia Water to discuss a way in which frequent monitoring of water can be possible.

Progress update on other environmental objectives and targets:

- Data on the Council's own waste production has not been made available for Q1.
- Work has commenced to understand what the Council is currently doing to fulfil its duty to conserve biodiversity in carrying out our functions, in the first stage of the development of a programme.
- Work is continuing to develop and implement all relevant operational procedures for significant environmental aspects.
- An action plan to achieve Level 1 of the Government's Flexible Framework for sustainable procurement has been developed.
- A sustainability impact assessment tool has been developed and will be used as part of the Council's project initiation process.