

Environmental policy statement

As the environmental regulator in Scotland, SEPA recognises that it occupies a unique position in respect of care for the environment and is committed to integrating high standards of environmental responsibility into all of its operations. SEPA is committed to the prevention of pollution arising from its own activities, will continually improve its environmental performance and demonstrate its commitment to sustainable development through the following principles:

Legal compliance

SEPA will ensure that as a minimum it will identify and comply with all relevant environmental legislation and any other voluntary or binding requirement to which it subscribes.

Fossil fuels and climate change

SEPA will measure its fossil fuel energy consumption and set targets to reduce its emissions of greenhouse gases. SEPA will plan and prepare for a changing climate through its behaviour, and its powers and duties.

Transport and travel

SEPA will encourage the use of communications technologies to reduce the need to travel and will promote the use of more sustainable transport options for its staff where travel is necessary.

Waste and resource use

SEPA will seek to decrease its consumption of resources by minimising wastes through reduction, reuse, and recycling as more sustainable alternatives to disposal.

Sustainable procurement

SEPA will specify wherever practicable the purchase of more sustainable goods and materials and will encourage its suppliers to demonstrate their commitment to environmental best practice.

Biodiversity

SEPA will lead by example by encouraging and enhancing biodiversity on its own estate.

Communication

SEPA will communicate openly about its environmental policy, plans and performance and will publish details of its environmental performance annually. It recognises the contribution made by its staff and aims to motivate employees to conduct their operations in an environmentally responsible manner.

SEPA implements this policy by setting environmental improvement objectives and targets which are regularly monitored and reviewed. This environmental policy statement has been agreed by SEPA's Management Team and its implementation is the responsibility of all members of SEPA staff.



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