

Yorkshire Water Environmental Policy

We recognise that the long term viability of our water and sewerage business is dependent on sustainable operations. We believe sustainable operations are those that drive efficient resource use and provide a healthy environment, which in turn facilitate social progress and economic development. As a company we'll drive for continuous improvement, maintain a clear focus on the needs of the environment, and work in partnership with stakeholders to drive informed and balanced policy making. This is at the core of our Strategic Direction Statement which sets out our aspirations for the next 25 years.

In line with our Company Vision and Strategic Direction Statement, we have committed to the following:

- Achieve and maintain compliance with legal and regulatory obligations as monitored and reported by our Environmental Management System, including work carried out on our behalf by our partners.
- Reduce further the impact of our activities on the environment through the use of innovative technology, effective management control systems and through targeted efficient investment.
- Go beyond compliance when we believe the benefits exceed the cost.
- Seek to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change through innovative techniques and technologies, and by the efficient use of energy and chemicals.
- Seek to use environmentally responsible suppliers and contract partners and work with them to encourage environmental improvements.
- Seek to use materials efficiently and promote the application of the waste hierarchy.
- Proactively conserve and enhance biodiversity, through efficient and effective practices and the implementation of our Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Ensure that all our employees and those who work on behalf of the organisation have received appropriate environmental training and have developed an awareness of environmental issues included in this policy.
- Foster constructive relationships with our stakeholder groups, regulators and contracting partners.
- Manage our land holdings in a socially and environmentally responsible manner, balancing the needs of both our tenants and customers.

We'll incorporate the above corporate commitments into our business practices and ensure we translate them into appropriate environmental objectives and targets. We'll communicate this policy to all employees and those working on our behalf and we'll also encourage all other companies in which we've an interest as either a shareholder or through our supply chain, to implement this policy or an equivalent.

We welcome comments and suggestions for improvements and will review this policy periodically in light of new knowledge, changing legislation, public concerns and the views of our Advisory Panels. We'll report our environmental performance via our website on a regular basis.



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