Department for Transport’s corporate environmental policy

# Policy statement

DfT is committed to protecting the environment, reducing pollution and whole life carbon in our procurements and continually improving our environmental performance.

# Scope

This policy applies to the Department for Transport central department. Any DfT arms-length bodies or executive agencies may use this policy or apply their own.

# Description

DfT’s operational activities and the individual activity of its staff affect the environment.

The aim of this policy is to inform our interested parties including staff, contractors, suppliers and the public that DfT is committed to reducing any negative environmental impacts produced by our activities, products and services.

Our policy is to continually improve our environmental performance by:

* reducing our greenhouse gas emissions from energy use
* reducing waste and maximising reuse and recycling
* reducing our greenhouse gas emissions from business travel
* controlling how much water we use
* reducing how much paper we use
* protecting our biodiversity and ecosystems
* adapting to climate change
* reducing the carbon impact of our construction projects through innovative methods, cleaner materials and more efficient design

# Delivery and monitoring

We will:

* fulfil our compliance obligations in relation to the environment
* meet or exceed the terms of the government’s policy on the environment
* set targets to reduce our environmental footprint and protect the environment
* collate, monitor, and analyse data to measure performance against our targets
* prepare for policy changes and tighter targets
* encourage staff, contractors and suppliers to reduce their impact on the environment when providing services and products to us and within their own organisations
* report progress against our targets quarterly to a senior performance board
* report our environmental performance openly and transparently through our annual report and accounts

Although the Department is responsible for the environmental performance of DfT, we expect all staff, contractors and suppliers involved in DfT’s business to share this responsibility.

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