



- Environmental Policy**

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	Carbon reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Strategy
	Dorset Police Management of Vehicle and Occupational Road Risk Strategy (February 2015)

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1 Policy Section

1.1 Statement of Intent – Aim and Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to outline the position of Dorset Police with regard to its legal and social responsibility to the environment.

1.2 Our Visions and Values

Dorset Police is committed to the principles of “One Team, One Vision – A Safer Dorset for You”

Our strategic priority is to achieve two clear objectives:

- To make Dorset safer
- To make Dorset feel safer

In doing this we will act in accordance with our values of:

- Integrity
- Professionalism
- Fairness and
- Respect

National Decision Model

The National Decision Model (NDM) is the primary decision-making model used in Dorset Police. The NDM is inherently flexible and is applied to the development and review of all policy, procedure, strategy, project, plan or guidance. Understanding, using and measuring the NDM ensures that we are able to make ethical (see Code of Ethics), proportionate and defensible decisions in relation to policy, procedure, strategy, project, plans or guidance.

Code of Ethics

The Code of Ethics underpins every policy, procedure, decision and action in policing today. The Code of Ethics is an everyday business consideration. This document has been developed with the Code of Ethics at the heart ensuring consideration of the 9 Policing Principles and the 10 standards of professional behaviour. Monitoring is carried out through the Equality Impact Assessment process which has been designed to specifically include the Code of Ethics.

1.3 People, Confidence and Equality

This document seeks to achieve the priority to make Dorset feel safer by securing trust and confidence. Research identifies that this is achieved through delivering services which:

1. Address individual needs and expectations
2. Improve perceptions of order and community cohesion
3. Focus on community priorities
4. Demonstrate professionalism

5. Express Force values
6. Instil confidence in staff

This document also recognises that some people will be part of many communities defined by different characteristics. It is probable that all people share common needs and expectations whilst at the same time everyone is different.

Comprehensive consultation and surveying has identified a common need and expectation for communities in Dorset to be:-

- Listened to
- Kept informed
- Protected, and
- Supported.

2 Standards

2.1 Legal Basis

There is a range of European and UK legislation in relation to world and local environmental issues; for example the Environmental Protection Act (1990) implements the European Union Waste Framework Directive in England, Wales and Scotland. The Act was created to strengthen pollution controls in relation to waste and encourage enforcement of penalties for any breaches.

The United Nations Agenda 21 sets out a comprehensive action plan to be applied, globally, nationally and locally by organisations of the United Nations systems of Government, in every area in which we impact on the environment

As part of its own strategy on sustainable development and protecting the environment the public sector has been instructed to give a clear lead to achieve the following:

- Promote sustainable development
- Integrate the environment into policy
- Introduce environmental management systems
- Report on its environmental performance
- Introduce strategies to improve the environment
- Improve energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Prepare Green Transport Plans
- Conserve water
- Reduce waste
- Incorporate environmental criteria into purchasing arrangements

2.2 People, Confidence and Equality Impact Assessment

During the creation of this document, this business area is subject to an assessment process entitled "People, Confidence and Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)". Its aim is to establish the impact of the business area on all people and to also ensure that it complies with the requirements imposed by a range of legislation.

2.3 Monitoring / Feedback

This policy will be monitored on an ongoing basis to ensure that progress and good practice can be identified and shared across the Force, with an annual report on progress.

This policy will be monitored by the Estates & Building Services Department annually.

Feedback relating to this policy can be made in writing or by e-mail to

Address: Estates & Building Services, Dorset Police Force Headquarters, Winfrith, Dorchester, DT2 8DZ

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3 Procedure Section

3.1 Introduction

In addition to its legal obligations Dorset Police is aware of the need to meet its social obligations to the community of Dorset. Dorset Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Dorset recognise that as a major employer and provider of services to the community of Dorset, it has an impact on the environment. The Force and PCC will strive to achieve a more sustainable future and seek to minimise any adverse environmental impact in the way it discharges its responsibilities.

Dorset Police are endeavouring to be accountable for minimising the impact of its operations on the environment and preventing pollution by means of a programme of continual improvement, balancing the needs of the environment with the operational obligations and available resources.

Dorset Police are members of the National Police Estates Group (NPEG) environment sub group which consists of representatives from each Police service and other law enforcement agencies. It provides expert advice and guidance on all aspects of environmental, energy and waste management and compliance including resource efficiency and cost avoidance.

The NPEG environment sub group recognises all Police services and other law enforcement agencies across the United Kingdom have an impact on the environment through critical operational and non-operational activities.

Dorset Police therefore acknowledges their responsibility to reduce detrimental impacts on the local and global environment as a result of their activities, by promoting environmental best practice wherever possible and practicable.

The **Environment Charter 2014-2016**, which has been promoted and endorsed by the NPEG, provides guiding principles as follows:

- **To comply with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations, and wherever practicable, exceed the requirements of codes of practice and best practice provision.**
- **To identify, evaluate and manage our significant environmental aspects and associated impacts.**
- **To continually improve on environmental performance and minimise adverse impacts on the environment.**
- **To reduce consumption of energy and water, and increase the efficiency of natural resource usage across the force estate to reduce carbon footprint and achieve financial best value.**
- **To manage all waste resulting from force activities taking into consideration the waste hierarchy – Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. Dispose of waste in an environmentally responsible and compliant manner to achieve financial best value.**
- **To take action to prevent pollution of air, water and land by understanding legislation and by acting responsibly.**

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- To give due consideration to environmental issues including climate change adaptation and energy performance in the acquisition, design, refurbishment, location and use of buildings.
- To promote environmental awareness across the force and integrate it into force operations and activities.
- To recognise and promote the positive environmental impacts policing has in the area it serves including working with partner agencies.
- To encourage green travel and aim to maximise the efficiency of our fleet.
- To consider the environmental commitment of our suppliers and contractors whose activities are related to significant environmental impacts.

3.2 Strategy for the achievement of these objectives

In order to meet the standards set out in this policy it is recognised there is significant work to be undertaken. It is intended this policy will apply to and involve all members of Dorset Police. We shall make our partners, suppliers and contractors aware of this policy and ask them to endeavour to comply with its contents.

Seven 'Areas of Impact' have been identified, with each being assigned a Lead Department based upon knowledge and area of responsibility as follows:

Area of Impact	Lead Department
Energy (Gas, Electricity, Oil)	Estates & Building Services
Water	Estates & Building Services
Waste and Recycling	Estates & Building Services
Recycling	Estates & Building Services
Transport	Transport Services
Information Systems	Information Systems
Procurement	Finance

3.2.1 Estates & Building Services Department: Energy, Water, Waste & Recycling

Energy and Water:

The Estates & Building Services Department have created two strategy documents which consider the environmental impact of the Force estate:

The *Estates Energy Strategy 2011 onwards* which seeks to:

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- Provide a public expression of Dorset Police's commitment to energy conservation and environment protection and
- Provide a working document to identify and guide energy management processes across the estate as a whole.

The *Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) Energy Efficiency Strategy* was created in response to the introduction of the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme in 2010; a mandatory carbon emissions reporting and pricing scheme covering large public and private sector organisations in the UK. Due to subsequent changes in the CRC qualification regime, Dorset Police are not presently required to participate although the strategy remains current pending the anticipated reintroduction of the Police estate as a qualifying category.

Waste and Recycling:

Work is ongoing to develop the Force's position regarding this area of the business.

3.2.2 Transport Services Department: Transport

The guiding principles and objectives stated within the *Dorset Police Management of Vehicle and Occupational Road Risk Strategy (February 2015)* specifically consider the following environmental areas in the provision of Transport Services:

- Wherever possible to procure vehicles that are economic, social and environmentally sustainable.
- To maintain cost-effective and timely processes for repair and maintenance, commissioning, decommissioning and environmentally friendly disposal of the vehicle fleet.
- To protect and enhance the environment, supporting the concept through the Environmental Policy.

3.2.3 Information Systems Department: Information Systems

Work is ongoing to develop the Force's position regarding this area of the business

3.2.4 Finance Department: Procurement

Work is ongoing to develop the Force's position regarding this area of the business.

4 Consultation and Authorisation

4.1 Consultation

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4.2 Authorisation of this Version

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5 Version Control

5.1 Review

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5.2 Version History

Version	Date	Reason for Change	Created / Amended by
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2.0	04/03/2015	Reviewed and updated as responsibility for document passed to E&BS.	Amanda Sparks (8314)

5.3 Related Forms

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5.4 Document History

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