



Department for  
Business, Energy  
& Industrial Strategy

## BEIS: ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

BEIS is the lead UK Government department on energy and climate change. We are committed to protecting the environment and preventing pollution. We undertake all our activities in a responsible manner, using best practice, to reduce the environmental impacts of our operations and to enhance and improve environmental performance and the Environmental Management System. BEIS is committed to fulfilling all environmental compliance obligations as a minimum and will strive to continually improve the environmental performance of our building at 1 Victoria Street, London.

BEIS will:

- Proactively reduce our carbon footprint by implementing energy saving practices and technologies, to be more energy efficient;
- Mitigate the impacts of business travel through relevant policies and procedures;
- Preserve and enhance biodiversity on our sites where we have opportunities and scope to do so;
- Proactively use innovation and technology to ensure efficient use of water;
- Embed the Waste Hierarchy of Reduce, Re-use and Recycle into all waste procedures while also managing waste according to our duty of care;
- Consider sustainability in all procurement decisions, opting for recycled and recyclable materials and avoiding single use items where possible to minimise consumption of natural resources and environmental impacts;
- Manage fuels and hazardous substances appropriately to minimise environmental risks;
- Regularly review performance of environmental objectives and targets;
- Regular, formal reporting of progress to the senior responsible officer;
- Communicate this policy to our staff, to everyone working for or on behalf of BEIS and interested parties to ensure they understand the environmental impacts of their job and how to minimise these.

BEIS shall monitor and review effectiveness of this policy through ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management System and in conjunction with the ISO 50001:2018 Energy Management System.

Endorsed and signed by:

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