



Driver & Vehicle
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Corporate environmental policy



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Policy statement

DVLA is committed to protecting the environment, preventing pollution and continually improving our environmental performance.

Description

DVLA's operational activities and the individual activity of its staff affect the environment. The aim of this policy is to tell our interested parties including staff, contractors, suppliers and the public that DVLA 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:

- working towards Net Zero by 2050 by reducing greenhouse gas emissions from our estate and travel
- reducing waste whilst maximising our recycling and re-use opportunities
- reducing how much paper we use
- monitoring and reducing how much water we use
- ensuring our procurement takes sustainability into account
- protecting and enhancing our estate's biodiversity and ecosystems
- developing a climate change adaptation strategy to mitigate any risks identified
- ensuring an overall more sustainable approach to our use of IT equipment and digital services

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
- continually improve our environmental management system to enhance our environmental performance
- work towards achieving our greening government commitments to protect the local and wider environment
- collate, monitor, and analyse data to measure performance against our targets and objectives
- 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
- produce regular reports for the executive team and senior managers
- produce accurate interim reports on request which are easy to understand
- make sure our emergency response plans for major incidents consider all significant environmental impacts

Although, as Chief Executive, I am responsible for the environmental performance of DVLA, I expect all staff, contractors and suppliers involved in DVLA's business to share this responsibility.

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