



**Department of Energy and Climate Change**

**ENERGY POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE DECC  
ESTATE**

Our mission is to power the country and protect the planet. As the lead UK Government department on energy and climate change, energy efficiency and reducing energy use is central to our culture and values. One of DECC's four priority policy areas, as stated in our Business Plan, is saving energy. It is therefore critical that we lead by example, operating our own estate as energy efficiently as possible and making significant reductions in our energy use. DECC's commitment to reducing carbon emissions from its estate and operations, is stated in our Carbon Management Plan and is supported by ambitious targets for emissions reduction. This will be achieved primarily through savings in energy use.

As a minimum DECC's activities will comply with all applicable legal requirements which relate to energy aspects, the Greening Government Commitments and, so far as practicable, accepted best practice in energy management.

However, in the field of energy management we aim to go further and lead by example, pioneering new techniques and technologies wherever possible. Our low carbon vision, targets and plans to achieve these, are contained in DECC's Carbon Management Plan.

We also commit to:

- Increase energy efficiency on our office estate.
- Reduce our energy consumption through a formal programme of energy and carbon saving measures.
- Review our energy performance regularly and seek continual improvement.
- Review our energy objectives and targets annually.
- Communicate this policy to all our staff, ensure they understand the energy impacts of their job and how to minimise these.
- Share our policy and commitment to energy reduction with our stakeholders.
- Encourage energy efficiency and good energy and carbon management in our supply chain.
- Publish targets against which performance can be measured.
- Implement energy improvement projects identified within the Energy Management System.
- Provide regular management reports on energy performance.



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- Be transparent about our energy performance and costs, publishing information on energy use, energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions annually.
- Participate in the Carbon Reduction Energy Efficiency Scheme.
- Operate our energy management systems in accordance with ISO 50001.
- Maintain the Carbon Trust Standard.

This Policy and DECC's Energy Management System (EnMS) applies to buildings on the core department's estate that are under our direct control, i.e. 3 Whitehall Place and 55 Whitehall. The estate of our Arms Length Bodies is outside the scope of the Policy. The sources of energy covered by the EnMS are electricity consumed at both buildings, gas consumed at 3 Whitehall Place and heat provided to 55 Whitehall by the Whitehall District Heating Scheme.

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