



# Devon & Cornwall Police Authority

## Environmental Mission Statement

**“Devon and Cornwall Police Authority will ensure that the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary reduces its carbon footprint year on year, starting from 2007/08 baseline measures.”**

## Environmental Strategy

The purpose of the Environmental Strategy of the Devon and Cornwall Police Authority is to provide a framework for the Constabulary to achieve carbon reduction. This outcome will be delivered through the Constabulary and the Police Authority's adoption of environmental best practice and the implementation of working practices that follow sound principles of environmental management. The opportunities and associated risks inherent in this strategy will be carefully analysed to ensure that the likelihood of achieving the operational objectives of the Constabulary is enhanced and it's aspiration to become a top performing Force is not compromised.

The Environmental Strategy will achieve this outcome by maintaining a balance between the elements of the “triple bottom line” :-

- a) environmental
- b) economic
- c) social responsibility

### a) Environmental - Carbon Reduction Measures

1. Using energy throughout the Force in the most efficient way.
2. Reduction of pollution and waste and promoting recycling.
3. Ensuring all contractors have, and operate in accordance with, environmental policies, appropriate and proportionate to the carbon impact of the goods and services they provide.
4. Ensuring all products purchased are the most environmentally efficient and that appropriate “end of life” disposal processes are in place.
5. Utilising renewables to replace fossil fuel consumption and reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions where practicable.
6. Procuring materials from sustainable sources.
7. Seeking and exploring options for improving the environment where practicable eg. promoting bio-diversity, tree planting etc.
8. Enabling and encouraging all staff to make their own contribution to carbon reduction by raising awareness, providing training, and incentivisation where appropriate.

### b) Economic - Financial Considerations

9. Ensuring that continuous improvement is designed into an Environmental Management System embodying the guiding principles of ISO14001.
10. Ensuring that due consideration is given to limiting the environmental impact of capital projects.

11. Ensuring that Authority and Constabulary policies are aligned to the principles of the Authority's environmental and financial strategies.
12. Ensuring that capital and estates strategies embody the principles of good environmental management.

**c) Governance - Organisational Arrangements & Social Responsibility**

13. Ensuring that the risks and opportunities inherent in this strategy are managed to ensure that the Authority enhances its reputation as a socially responsible organisation.
14. Establishing an adaptable environmental policy which embodies clear goals aligned to Force and Authority objectives and long term plans.
15. Developing public awareness through appropriate press coverage and by regular updating of information on the Force website.
16. Ensuring that performance against environmental targets is monitored by the Police Authority.
17. Seeking to publish an annual report on the Constabulary's achievement of carbon reduction and environmental enhancement measures.
18. Ensuring that consideration of environmental impact is factored into the formation of day to day working practices, new Force policies or the revision of existing policies.

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