



Environment Policy

The purpose of the Harwich Haven Authority is to conserve, protect, regulate, maintain and improve the Haven and its environment based upon the principles of sustainability for the benefit of all its users.

The Board and top management of the Authority are committed to ensuring that all environmental issues are addressed with a high degree of priority and will fulfil all their identified compliance obligations.

Within the scope of its operational and management activities and in order to meet its compliance obligations the Authority will:

- Implement and develop an environmental management and review system that seeks to protect the environment. Preventing pollution, planning for climate change and setting appropriate environmental objectives will provide the basis for the continual improvement of the environmental management system.
- Encourage awareness and interest in all stakeholders for the protection of the environment by communication and consultation with staff and all other interested parties.
- Take an active role with other organisations in the management of the natural environment, within the Authority's jurisdiction and surrounding areas.
- Maintain awareness of applicable environmental legislation and codes of practice and carry out the functions of the Authority with regard to its potential positive or negative impact on the environment.
- Maintain a high level of preparedness for collaborative action which seeks to minimise the environmental impact of any accident or incident that may occur.
- Publish an annual report on environmental performance that will be made available to the public and all interested parties.

Training will be provided to all relevant persons in accordance with the Authority's Training and Development Manual. It is the duty of all persons to make themselves familiar with the environmental management system and to comply with it at all times.

The effectiveness of this policy and environmental performance will be monitored by the Chief Executive and reported to the Safety and Environment Committee of the Board.