

# Environment Policy Statement



**Cheshire**  
Fire & Rescue Service

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's role remains one of responding to emergencies. Today these emergencies are a much broader range reflecting the changing risks that face our community. The Service also has a responsibility to reduce risk and prevent emergencies. It has also recognised the necessity to work much more closely with partners, especially the community itself, to achieve a safer environment. This policy statement seeks to set out the environmental aims of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service and its commitment to continuous improvement and Net Zero emissions.

The Service maintains an Environment Management focus to maximise energy efficiency, to reduce and prevent pollution and minimise any adverse impact on the environment of our service delivery at operational incidents.

The service's aim will be to promote sustainable operation and commitment to the United Nations Sustainability Goals.

The aim of this policy will be implemented through committed, continued management and measurement of the environmental impact of The Service's operations. The key areas of focus are: -

- **Carbon and Energy Management:** striving to reduce energy consumption and carbon emissions across The Service's property portfolio and emissions from its Transport operations in line with local and national targets on delivering carbon net zero by 2050.
- **Supply Chain:** considering the environmental and sustainable performance of its supply chain and, where financially viable, giving preference to products and suppliers with the least environmental impact.
- **Resources Use:** striving to reduce its use of materials including paper and minimising the use of water except in operational circumstances. Use sustainable materials and conservation methods where appropriate.
- **Waste Management and Recycling:** striving to minimise waste production and disposal and apply the Waste Hierarchy from Sourcing to End of Life.
- **Compliance:** ensuring compliance with The UK Environment Act 2021 and Environmental legislation in general and in relation to the handling, reporting and management of Waste and Hazardous Waste.
- **Objectives and Targets:** setting appropriate environmental objectives and targets and implementing an on-going review of performance. Working with our partners, stakeholders, and other local, regional, and national agencies as appropriate to promote environmental and sustainability policies and protect the environment.
- **Training:** Ensure all employees receive training relating to the Service's significant environmental impacts and the mitigation activity, to allow colleagues to fulfil their roles with due consideration for the environment.

Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service commits to seek and act on advice from external agencies and organisations where appropriate and to regularly review environmental policy, procedures, and the objectives and aims of the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service Environment and Climate Change Strategy.

The Environment Policy Statement is available to all colleagues through intranet systems, and is available to interested parties via the Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service's website <http://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/About-us>

## Accountability:

Overall responsibility for the service's environmental impacts lies with the Chief Fire and Executive Officer and the Cheshire Fire Authority. Individual responsibilities will be assigned for specific aspects of the policy. All staff are required to take an active role on environmental matters in accordance.

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**Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive,  
Alex Waller**

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**Chair of Cheshire Fire Authority,  
Cllr Stef Nelson**