



**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**  
**Fire & Rescue Service**  
*Creating Safer Communities*

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham  
Fire and Rescue Authority

# **ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY STATEMENT**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

**Date:** 15 December 2023

**Purpose of Report:**

To advise Members that the Service's written Environmental and Sustainability Policy Statement has recently been reviewed and updated to reflect current best practice.

**Recommendations:**

That Members endorse the Policy Statement to reaffirm their commitment to matters relating to the environment and sustainability.

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## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 The Service has a commitment within its Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) to being environmental and sustainability conscious in all that we do.
- 1.2 To demonstrate this commitment an environmental and sustainability commitments, a policy statement is required.
- 1.3 An Environment and Sustainability Policy Statement states a commitment, of both the Service and the Authority, in discharging its duty of care to minimise its impact on the environment.
- 1.4 This report presents the annual review of the Service's Environment and Sustainability Policy Statement. This was last considered and endorsed by the Combined Fire Authority in September 2022.

## **2. REPORT**

- 2.1 The Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement has been updated to reflect the best practice of ensuring that the most senior person within the organisations sends a personal message to lead the direction of Environmental and Sustainability Management.
- 2.2 Graphics have been added to reflect NFRS as an organisation and help it stand out when displayed or provided to third parties.
- 2.3 The Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement will be supported by an Environmental Management System (EMS) which is currently in development.
- 2.4 Endorsement signatures of the Chief Fire Officer, the Chair of the Fire Authority, and representative bodies, will continue to provide a collective and high-level commitment to the environmental and sustainability management.

## **3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**



There are no direct financial implications arising from the Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement.

## **4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The Policy Statement will be brought to the attention of all employees through, induction processes, notices boards and internal communications.

## 5. EQUALITIES AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS

### 5.1 Core Code of Ethics

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|  | <b>Leadership</b> – the Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement sets the direction of the Service for environmental and sustainability management.       |
|  | <b>Integrity</b> – the Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement is an open and honest statement that will be available to all employees and stakeholders. |

5.2 An equality impact assessment has not been undertaken due to the nature of this Policy Statement.

## 6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement sets the direction of the Service for environmental sustainability and all subsequent actions will be based on this statement.

## 7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There is no direction legislation that requires organisations to have an Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement.
- 7.2 There is, however, significant legislation covering environmental requirements and the statement will form part of an EMS covering these requirements.

## 8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement sets strong and active leadership from the Chief Fire Officer.
- 8.2 The Policy Statement is the start of the process for environmental and sustainability management in the Service.

## 9. COLLABORATION IMPLICATIONS

There are no collaboration implications arising from this report.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members endorse the policy statement to reaffirm their commitment to matters relating to the environment and sustainability.

## **11. BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR INSPECTION (OTHER THAN PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS)**

None.

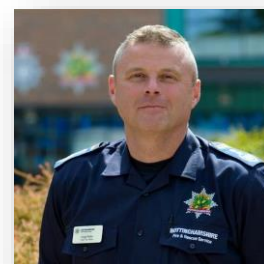
Craig Parkin  
**CHIEF FIRE OFFICER**



## Environmental and Sustainability - Policy Statement, November 2023

***"I would ask all my colleagues to be aware of the environmental sustainability impact our organisation has on the people of Nottinghamshire and ultimately the world."***

***"We will ensure that our working is environmentally aware and sustainable to ensure our duty to protect this and future generations."***



The Fire Authority, trade unions and I are committed to responsible environmental and sustainability practices in all that we do.

To achieve this, I commit that:

- Environmental and sustainability considerations are part our decision making, governance and procurement processes.
- Environmental and sustainability targets are set and managed.
- Environmental and sustainability awareness training is provided.
- We will apply industry best practice when considering the environmental impact of our actions at fires and other incidents to reduce the risk of contamination of air, land, and water courses.
- We will work with partners and other agencies to ensure a collaborative approach to reducing environmental impacts.
- Over the next year we'll review our position on:
  - Water, fuel and energy reduction measures, enhancing the sustainable use of resources.
  - Sustainable procurement.
  - Encouraging biodiversity on our grounds.
  - Motor vehicle journeys and reviewing more sustainable options.
  - Waste management.
  - We'll develop a five-year Environment and Sustainability plan.

Signed:

**Councillor Michael Payne**  
**Chair of the Fire Authority**

Signed:

**Craig Parkin**  
**Chief Fire Officer**

This policy is supported and endorsed by:

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| Name:<br>Signature:        | Name:<br>Signature:              | Name:<br>Signature: |
| <b>Fire Brigades Union</b> | <b>Fire Officers Association</b> | <b>UNISON</b>       |

