



NOTTINGHAMSHIRE
Fire & Rescue Service
Creating Safer Communities

Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham
Fire and Rescue Authority

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

Date: 13 December 2024

Purpose of Report:

To advise Members that the Service's written Environmental and Sustainability Policy Statement has recently been reviewed and no changes are required at this time.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Members:

- Note the contents of this report and approve the continuing use of the current Environmental and Sustainability Policy Statement.
- Approve the proposal to move this report from annual to two yearly reporting.

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1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Service has a commitment within its Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) to being environmentally and sustainability conscious in all that it does.
- 1.2 To demonstrate an organisation's commitment to environmental management and sustainability, a policy statement is required, which states a commitment of both the Service and the Authority, in discharging its duty of care to minimise its impact on the environment.
- 1.3 This report presents the annual review of the Service's Environmental and Sustainability Policy Statement. This was last considered and endorsed by the Fire Authority in December 2023.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 The Environmental and Sustainability Policy Statement has undergone an annual review by the Service's Health, Safety and Environmental Advisors. The review has found that no changes are necessary at this time.
- 2.2. Environmental management best practice requires a policy statement to be reviewed on a regular basis but allows the employer to set the review schedules. A recommendation of this report is that the review period moves from an annual to a two-yearly review. A two-year review is proposed for the following reasons:
 - The two-year review period will allow for further development of the Service's environmental management practices using a consistent ethos as directed by the Chief Fire Officer.
 - The two-year period is in alignment with best practice guidance associated with environmental statements which advises of review periods between 1-5 years depending on the nature of the organisation.
 - In the event of an internal review, for example after a significant environmental event, change of management direction, or changes in legislation/guidance, where changes to the statement are proposed, a report would be presented to Members for consideration prior to the fixed review date.
- 2.3 Endorsement signatures on the Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement of the Chief Fire Officer, the Chair of the Fire Authority, and representative bodies, continue to provide a collective, high-level commitment to environmental sustainability.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

4. HUMAN RESOURCES AND LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT IMPLICATIONS

The Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement will be brought to the attention of all employees through induction processes, notices boards and MyNet.

5. EQUALITIES AND ETHICAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Core Code of Ethics:

Leadership – the Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement sets the direction of the Service for environmental and sustainability management.

Integrity – the Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement is an open and honest statement that will be available to all employees and relevant stakeholders

5.2 An equality impact assessment has not been undertaken because equality issues arising have been previously identified and addressed.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

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

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There is no direct legislation which requires organisations to have an Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement.

7.2 The legislation covering environmental requirements, and the Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement will form part of an Environmental Management System Policy covering these requirements.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 The Environmental Management and Sustainability Policy Statement sets strong and active leadership in this area from the top of the organisation.
- 8.2 Failure to have a statement could lead to poor publicity for the Service if challenged as to its environmental credentials by members of the community or media.

9. COLLABORATION IMPLICATIONS

There are no collaboration implications arising from this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Members:

- 10.1 Note the contents of this report and approve the continuing use of the current Environmental and Sustainability Policy Statement.
- 10.2 Approve the proposal to move this report from annual to two yearly reporting.

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

None.

Craig Parkin
CHIEF FIRE OFFICER



Environmental and Sustainability – Policy Statement

“I would like to 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 need to 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

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