

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service

Environmental Policy - Statement of Intent

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service recognises that its operations and activities, impact on the environment. Through the conduct of its business, the Service is committed to reducing its use of natural resources and carbon footprint, preventing pollution and continually improving its environmental performance in a sustainable manner.

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service confirms a commitment to promoting a sustainable environment to the communities it serves. In pursuit of its vision “to become a World Class Organisation” and in working towards a more sustainable future, the Service is committed to supporting its communities by means of its fire prevention awareness and education programmes and by minimising its own adverse environmental impacts by reducing pollution, minimising waste, increasing recycling and tackling the causes of climate change.

Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service is committed to making a valuable contribution to the protection of its environment by:

- Having a strategy to confirm the Services’ commitment to protecting the environment;
- Ensuring our compliance obligations to all relevant UK, European and International legislative and regulatory requirements and agreements which relate to the Services’ environmental aspects are met or exceeded;
- Reporting annually on performance, environmental objectives and targets to ensure continual improvement;
- Promoting the Services’ Environmental Strategy, Policies and Procedures across the Service;
- Providing dedicated training to employees in their environmental responsibilities;
- Considering environmental issues in purchasing decisions and the planning and design of projects to make sustainable development the Services’ ‘Core Organising Principle’;
- Adopting water reduction measures and enhancing the sustainable use of resources;
- Reducing energy consumption and incorporating long term strategies for energy efficiency into planning and development;
- Promoting the use of fuel efficient motor vehicles and adopting more sustainable modes of transport;
- Minimising any adverse impact on the environment of our Service Delivery at operational incidents;
- Minimising waste and pollution by developing and operating environmentally sound waste management procedures;
- Maintaining the grounds and buildings of Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service in an environmentally sensitive way, having regard to the protection of local natural habitats and encouraging biodiversity;

- Working with our partners and other local and national agencies as appropriate, to promote environmental policies, promote 'Best Practice' and protect the environment.

This Statement confirms the Services' commitment to protect both our immediate and wider environment from its activities. Progress in developing and implementing environmental strategies will be reviewed and reported annually. This Statement and other related documents will be made available on our @Work and the external website and other locations as appropriate and will be subject to an annual review.

Signed
C Davies



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Signed
R Rees-
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Chair, Fire
Authority.



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