

# Environmental Policy Statement

## Introduction

Belfast Harbour recognises that effective environmental management systems and performance are fundamental to our business.

## Scope

Port and marine operations and estate management within Belfast Harbour.

## Purpose

We consider it a priority to reduce the risks and impacts of our activities on the environment to a level as low as reasonably practical and to protect the environment including pollution prevention. In order to achieve this, we will:

- Comply with all applicable legislation, regulations, codes of practice and other requirements to which we subscribe including the:
  - Principles of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
  - ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management Systems
  - Ports and Marine Facilities Safety Code
  - Protection of Biodiversity consistent with our duties as a Harbour Authority
- Systematically identify and assess environmental risks associated with our activities.
- Set measurable environmental objectives and targets supported by a management programme that measures and monitors performance, reviews effectiveness and evaluates compliance.
- Mitigate and control identified risks in order to manage our activities in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Develop, maintain and test emergency response plans and procedures.
- Involve and consult interested parties on environmental issues where appropriate.
- Ensure that employees and others working on our behalf are competent to carry out their work and understand the impact their actions and behaviour may have on the environment.
- Provide our employees (and where appropriate; customers, contractors and suppliers) with adequate information, training and supervision to enable them to understand and discharge their responsibilities for compliance with this policy.
- Communicate this policy to all persons working for or on behalf of Belfast Harbour Commissioners and make this policy available to the public.
- Strive to achieve continual improvement in our environmental management systems and performance.

## Policy Review

This Policy Statement is periodically reviewed by Leadership Team to ensure that it remains relevant and appropriate to the scope of activities conducted by Belfast Harbour.



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