

ENVIRONMENT POLICY



Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service is the second largest in the UK providing fire and rescue services for the residents of the 10 local authorities that comprise Greater Manchester. We are committed to providing this service in a sustainable manner that enables us to continue to work effectively within the community. Our sustainability strategy for Greater Manchester incorporates five overarching ambitions for the service to achieve by 2050:

1. To have a positive carbon footprint, averting more CO2 emissions than we produce
2. To produce zero waste, reusing everything that we can
3. To cause no unnecessary pollution from fire fighting
4. To waste no water, from our own sites or attending incidents
5. To be leaders on sustainability

To support these principles we commit to:

- Take steps to reduce the environmental impacts of our site and operations.
- Proactively protect the natural environment and prevent pollution.
- Comply with all applicable environmental legislation and meet the reasonable expectations of interested parties.
- Continue to work closely with local communities to promote safety, wellbeing and sustainability.
- Consider life-cycle sustainability issues in decision making, for example when:
 - Setting strategic direction of the organisation.
 - Procuring goods and services.
 - Designing new buildings and equipment
 - Developing procedures and policies.
- Support partner organisations to enable better environmental, social and economic outcomes for Greater Manchester.
- Set objectives and targets to deliver our sustainability policy.
- Communicate our sustainability strategy and performance to all interested parties.

We aim to continually improve our sustainability performance and this policy and our objectives will be reviewed annually.

Signed

County Fire Officer and Chief Executive
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service
Date: 11th November 2016

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Chairman
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority
Date: 11th November 2016



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