



## SUSTAINABILITY POLICY - DRAFT

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### 1. Statement of Intent

The LEP recognises that it has a responsibility to improve the sustainability of economic development in the Cheshire and Warrington region and to improve the environmental performance of the LEP as an operating company. In doing so, it will also support the aims of stakeholders who share a common objective to improve sustainability.

Sustainability will be placed at the heart of decision making and operational service delivery.

### 2. Key Commitments

#### Project Investment

When assessing and evaluating project business cases for investment, the LEP will consider the environmental benefits and impacts of the proposals. Contract agreements will ensure compliance with minimum environmental standards and encourage higher standards to be achieved.

#### Comply with Environmental Legislation

The LEP will comply with environmental legislation, regulations and requirements in so far as they apply to the operations and decisions of the LEP.

#### Travel Sustainability

Staff, board and committee members will be encouraged, in the first instance, to use available technologies to reduce the need for travel. Where travel is necessary, public transport will be the preferred choice, with use of private vehicles kept to a minimum.

#### Minimise Consumption and Waste

The LEP will reduce use, re-use and recycle resources, as far as is practicable, and ensure responsible disposal of all its residual waste. The LEP, as a tenant, is not separately metered for electricity or water consumption but will, nevertheless, take measures to reduce unnecessary consumption.

**Purchase Sustainably**

The LEP will select goods and services using purchasing criteria which balance economic, social and environmental factors, including reducing the “supplier miles” to deliver those goods and services.

**Raise Awareness**

The LEP will raise awareness of this policy and related sustainability issues among its staff, contractors, service-users, partners and visitors.

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