

Sustainability Policy

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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.

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 all relevant environmental legislation, regulations, and requirements in so far as they apply to the operations and decisions of the LEP.

Travel and 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.

Each organisation involved in delivery of contracts (the LEP and any sub-contractors) will:

- dispose of waste using a registered waste collector and
- observe and comply with the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (WEEE) regulations to ensure that WEEE is not mixed with general waste and is disposed of legally.

All such organisations will be requested to provide regular updates on their sustainable performance plan, to inform the LEP's monitoring systems.

Purchase Sustainably

The LEP will select goods and services using purchase 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.

References

This is a generic policy, which also aligns with contracts delivered within [The Cheshire and Warrington Pledge and the Cheshire and Warrington Pledge Access programme](#).

Monitoring and Management

C&W LEP will measure and monitor its progress against targets within the Action Plan and strive to adopt best practice. We will establish KPI reporting, redefining targets and updates to this policy as appropriate.

Action Plan

See Annex B.