



Environmental Policy Statement

April 2025

Poole Harbour Commissioners’ mission statement is to promote the safe and sustainable use of Poole Harbour, balance the demands on its natural resources, develop strategic infrastructure, work closely with our stakeholders, support the safe management of appropriate activities within the Harbour and work strategically with key agencies in order to manage the Harbour in a sustainable and responsible manner whilst maintaining a sustainable and commercially viable medium sized trust port.

The Commissioners are committed to continuous improvement of their environmental performance by fulfilling their duties relating to conservation, regulation and enhancement of the port and harbour of Poole and complying with relevant legislation.

In implementing this policy, the Commissioners shall ensure that they:

Environmental Management

- 1 Endorse the principles of best practice.
- 2 Assess and mitigate environmental risks for all aspects of the Commissioners’ operations.
- 3 Include measurable environmental objectives and targets in business plans.
- 4 Conduct regular management reviews and audits to identify areas for improvement.
- 5 Adhere to the PHC Procurement policy.
- 6 Record all significant environmental occurrences.
- 7 Publish environmental performance in an annual environmental review.

Resource Management

- 1 Continue to monitor and where possible reduce resource consumption.
- 2 Seek opportunities to apply innovative technology to reduce emissions and energy consumption.

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Waste Management

1. Continually assess recycling, re-use and waste minimisation opportunities.

Communication & Training

1. Communicate with employees, contractors, regulators and the general public to ensure people are aware of their roles and responsibilities and are competent in performing them.

Pollution Prevention and Control

1. Ensure that contingency plans and controls are in place and regularly reviewed and tested, to endeavour to prevent spills of oil, chemicals or potentially contaminating materials.
2. Apply best available technology, without involving disproportionate costs, to plant acquisitions, facilities and activities to advance pollution control and emissions reduction.
3. Pursue good house-keeping policies to ensure tidiness on the Port Estate.
4. It is the Commissioners' policy for the 'polluter' to pay for the cost of clean-up and disposal following land and marine based incidents.

Nothing in this Policy shall subvert existing Harbour Byelaws, General Directions, regulations or terms and conditions.

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