

## Cornwall Council Ports and Harbours Environmental Policy

The ports and harbours are committed to maintaining certification to BS EN ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management Systems for our current scope and the protection and conservation of the environment.

The Ports shall seek to maintain and continually improve, wherever possible, high environmental quality through the strict adherence to environmental legislation and internationally agreed convention, directives and resolutions and other compliance obligations intended to prevent pollution and protect the environment.

The Harbour authorities recognise the need to conserve the natural environment of the waters under their control through sound environmental management. Environmental policies for the Ports will ensure, wherever possible, that duties carried out by harbour staff and recreational and commercial activities within the areas of jurisdiction will take place without any adverse effects on the quality of the environment.

The Harbour Authorities Environmental Policy and Objectives, Targets and Opportunities will be made available on-line and at the Harbour Offices to all staff, interested parties and harbour stakeholders. The Objectives, Targets and Opportunities are set and reviewed annually which helps us to monitor progress and ensure we are continually improving.

The waters within the control of the Harbour Authorities are of National and European importance and include many areas that have an environmental designation i.e. Sites of Special Scientific Interest, Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Heritage Coast, Special Area of Conservation, Special Protection Area and Marine Conservation Zones.

It is the Harbour Authorities intention to work closely with environmental agencies to ensure that the quality of the environment is improved upon, thereby enhancing the natural resources for future generations. The Harbour Authorities will work collaboratively with the Local Authority and environmental agencies in the mitigation and adaptation to climate change.

They shall also seek to influence and encourage users of the harbours and suppliers of services to adopt practices compatible with the aims of the environmental management system.

It is believed that educating and training employees and raising awareness with stakeholders, interested parties and the public, on the importance of conserving and enhancing the environment will contribute to achieving environmental goals.

The Environmental Policy Statement and objectives and targets will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure they remain current and are documented, implemented and maintained to that effect.

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