

**Cheshire Police Authority**



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## **Environmental Management Strategy**

**November 2008**

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### **Policy Statement**

Cheshire Constabulary recognises that as a major employer and provider of services to the community, it can have an impact on the environment.

It is our policy to ensure that Cheshire Constabulary meets environmental legal requirements as a minimum and demonstrates best practice in environmental management where practicable.

Cheshire Constabulary will endeavour to:

- 1) Manage activities, products and services with consideration for the environment;
- 2) Minimise resource consumption, both renewable and non-renewable, particularly energy, water and paper;
- 3) Purchase, where practicable, environmentally superior products and services from suppliers who have demonstrated a commitment to good environmental practice;
- 4) Set targets and objectives for environmental performance improvement and review these on a regular basis;
- 5) Maintain the appearance of the Constabularys' buildings and sites inside and out, in an environmentally sensitive manner, to reduce unnecessary impact on the environment;
- 6) Support the development of employees and ensure that they receive training appropriate to their role in implementing to Constabulary's Environmental Policy and Strategic objectives;
- 7) Have regard for sustainability issues in economic, environmental and social matters;
- 8) Promote partnership working to improve the quality of the environment where possible.

Cheshire Constabulary are committed to continuing to identify and monitor our environmental risks and deliver continual environmental improvement and will manage this through the achievement of the objectives detailed in its Environmental Management Strategy.

### **Accountability:**

Overall responsibility for the policy lies with the Chief Constable and the Police Authority. Individual responsibilities will be assigned for specific aspects of the policy. All staff are required to take an active stance on environmental matters in accordance with this policy.

**Chief Constable**

**Chairman, Police Authority**

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## **Cheshire Constabulary's Environmental Vision**

Cheshire Constabulary aims to make Cheshire safer through the operation of a sustainable police service where environmental issues are embedded in the decision making process.

### **Introduction**

The aim of the Cheshire Constabulary Environmental Management Strategy is to demonstrate the commitment of Cheshire Constabulary to minimising our impact on the environment and to implement environmental best practice whilst supporting operational objectives.

The Environmental Strategy details the strategic environmental objectives of Cheshire Constabulary. The role of Cheshire Police Authority is to monitor and support its delivery.

### **Sustainable Development and Environmental Management**

The term 'Sustainable Development' was first defined by the World Environment and Development Committee as 'development which meets the needs of future generations without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs'. This is defined further by the Government's four objectives for sustainable development:

- Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth and employment;
- Prudent use of natural resources;
- Social progress which recognises the needs of all people;
- Effective protection of the environment.

In essence this means that the Government aspires to taking a more holistic approach to growth, where issues such as the impact of development on communities, natural resources and the environment are considered alongside traditional indicators. All organisations, therefore, have a responsibility to understand, measure and minimise the impacts associated with their operations. Cheshire Constabulary recognises that social and economic issues are integral to policing and these issues are addressed in the 3 year Strategy. To provide focus, this strategy concentrates on the environmental aspects of sustainable development.

Organisations achieve environmental improvement through the development of environmental policies and strategies, which outline the organisation's vision and commitments for the future. These are most commonly supported by the development of an Environmental Management System (*EMS*), which is a system for managing and minimising environmental impacts. The international standard for environmental management-ISO 14001- provides a

framework for developing and implementing an EMS within an organisation and represents best practice. An EMS is the most widely used for :

- Ensuring compliance with environmental legal requirements and preventing pollution;
- Implementing control procedures to manage areas of high environmental risk;
- Developing and achieving objectives, targets and initiatives; and
- Auditing and reviewing processes.

### **The Environmental Strategy of Cheshire Constabulary**

Cheshire Constabulary is committed to proactively managing and minimising our environmental impacts and preventing pollution through the implementation of the Environmental Strategy. It is our policy to ensure that Cheshire Constabulary meets environmental legal requirements as a minimum and demonstrates best practice in environmental management wherever practicable. We are committed to continuing to identify and monitor our environmental risks and deliver continual environmental improvement through the achievement of the following objectives.

Ref	Objectives	Owner	Target	Performance Indicator
<b>A: General</b>				
A1	To establish position of environmental management within Cheshire Constabulary	Assistant Chief Officer	Create an environmental management working group to establish baseline position	Report to Chief Constable
A2	To establish monitoring arrangements for Environmental Management	Assistant Chief Officer	Establish an Environmental Champions Group	Group established, terms of reference and objectives agreed
A3	To establish the most appropriate Environmental Management System and produce Business Case for implementation	Director of Performance Development	Research options of EMS and produce business case for implementation of and appropriate resources for implementation	Business Case produced
A4	To achieve the Carbon Trust Standard by November 2009	Head of Business Services Support	Standard achieved	Certification

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<b>B: Transport</b>				
B1	To increase the environmental efficiency of Cheshire Constabulary transport fleet by trialing and adopting alternatively fuelled vehicles where operationally and cost effective	Transport Manager	Reduce the carbon dioxide emissions generated by Cheshire Constabulary car fleet by 5%	Percentage reduction (against April 2008 figure) in average/car carbon dioxide emitted by Cheshire Constabulary cars (excludes goods vehicles, vans, motorcycles and boat)
B2	To design and implement a sustainable travel plan for operational travel	Director of Performance Development	Develop a system to monitor use of alternative forms of transport for operational purposes	System developed and findings reported to Chief Constable
B3	To review the existing sustainable Travel Plan for travel to and from Cheshire Constabulary	Director of Performance Development	Plan reviewed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan Reviewed</li> <li>• Spaces reduced by 60</li> </ul>
<b>C: Procurement</b>				
C1	Work with suppliers and contractors to improve environmental performance in the supply chain through a purchasing policy founded on stewardship, and maximise the purchase of sustainable materials	Head of Procurement	Develop arrangements to ensure that environmental considerations are integral to purchasing decisions-inclusion in Business Cases	Arrangements in place

Ref	Objectives	Owner	Target	Performance Indicator
C2	To work towards using green energy as the sole source of electricity supply	Head of Procurement	<p>Establish if 5% of electricity can be procured from a renewable source</p> <p>Review and evaluate fuel oil legislation and how this impacts on CC</p>	<p>Report submitted to Chief Constable to include long term strategy to show how Cheshire Constabulary can meet 5% renewable sourced electricity target</p> <p>Report submitted to Chief Constable – strategy paper and next step recommendation</p>
<b>D: Resource Consumption</b>				
D1	Increase the efficiency of Cheshire Constabulary's most inefficient buildings through the implementation of energy minimisation activities	Director of Performance Development	<p>Establish current position of energy efficiency of buildings</p> <p>Develop a mechanism for robust monitoring of financial savings from energy efficiency</p> <p>Consider the option for shared efficiency savings within the BCU's</p>	<p>Report submitted to Chief Constable</p> <p>Mechanism in place</p> <p>Option considered and decision made</p>
D2	Reduce the consumption of paper within Cheshire Constabulary	Director of Performance Development	<p>Establish current paper consumption position and set targets for reduction</p> <p>Reduce the number of printing devices by utilising shared printers and multifunctional devices</p>	<p>Report to Chief Constable</p> <p>Decrease in the number of printers across the estate</p>

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D3	Provide waste recycling facilities across the estate and promote their use	Head of Business Services Support	Establish waste disposal quantities for each site  Reduce waste to landfill by 5% by April 2009	Data available  Target achieved
D4	Minimise the generation of waste from Cheshire Constabulary properties	Head of Business Services Support/Deputy Chief Executive, CPA	Develop a 'Waste Minimisation at Work' guidance document	Document distributed
D5	To improve the IT infrastructure from an environmental perspective.	Director of ITS	Develop plan	Plan developed
<b>E: Sustainable Design</b>				
E1	Ensure that sustainability is considered at each project stage (planning, design, construction and end of life) for all properties	Project Managers	Include sustainability criteria within design processes	Sustainability criteria included in design
E2	Promote the use of recycled materials in maintenance, refurbishment, site development and construction activities	Estates Manager/ Head of Procurement	Capture environmental data from programme delivery projects and report to Chief Constable	Data included in report
<b>F: Training and Awareness</b>				
F1	Ensure that environmental issues are integrated into all relevant decision making processes	Assistant Chief Officer  Head of Business Services Support	Develop a high profile environmental media campaign to staff  Develop and deliver wastes management training to BCU Performance and	Awareness campaign initiated  Training delivered

		Head of Business Services Support	Service Managers and Assistant Facilities Managers  Incorporate environmental awareness within the Constabulary Induction Programme	Awareness training included in induction
		Head of Business Services Support	Establish an 'Environmental Champions' group with representation from key departments	Group established, Terms of Reference and objectives of Group agreed
<b>G: Financial Aspects of Environmental Management</b>				
G1	Seek financial support for the delivery of the Environmental Management Strategy through the preparation of an environmental budget	Assistant Chief Officer	Review Business Case for EMS(objective A2) and assess financial requirements  Establish an Environmental Management Budget	Business Case reviewed  Budget in place
G2	Minimise the financial impact of the Carbon Reduction Commitment, through sound environmental management practices and ongoing improvement initiatives	Head of Business Services Support	Achievement of Carbon Trust Standard  Appointment of Energy Officer  Appointment of Environmental Officer/Travel Planner  Reduction of Carbon Emissions	Certification  Appointment made  Appointment made  Report to Chief Constable

## Monitoring

Progress against the Strategy will be monitored by the Environmental Champions Group and report to Chief Officers on a quarterly basis.

### **Review**

The Strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis or in accordance with any changes to legislation and guidance.