

PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY

ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

As the statutory harbour authority, licensing authority and owner of the bed of the tidal Thames, the Port of London Authority (PLA) has significant environmental responsibilities.

We are committed to the sustainable development and management of the estuary in accordance with the Government's Marine Policy Statement and to sustainably deliver the PLA's contributions to the Thames Vision. In doing so we will comply with environmental legislation and other relevant requirements in the pursuit of our activities and responsibilities.

In the PLA we will:

- Deliver net zero by 2040 and implement measures to reduce air emissions, energy consumption, waste and litter, increase renewable energy provision and improve biodiversity. We will maintain our pledge under the UN Race to Zero campaign.
- Pursue efficiencies to reduce the PLA's impact on the environment using sustainable procurement practices.
- Improve the PLA's own vessel and vehicle emissions. Implement renewable technology for power provision across the PLA estate.
- Provide biodiversity net gain by appropriate management of the estuary and our estate, and work with communities to continue to improve these sites for future generations.
- Regularly review climate change impacts and effectiveness of new adaptation measures.
- Protect the environment by preventing pollution whilst maintaining a high level of preparedness and taking appropriate action to deal with any incidents.
- Continue work across the port sector, locally, nationally and internationally to learn and develop solutions to implement environmental improvement measures with stakeholders.
- Communicate this environmental policy to all staff, contractors, suppliers and stakeholders. Provide guidance and appropriate training where necessary, and report on our environmental and sustainability performance frequently.

In maintaining an Environmental Management System (EMS) under 14001:2015, we will continually improve, assess the impacts of our activities on the environment and monitor and audit their effectiveness.

This policy was approved by the PLA Executive Committee in January 2023 and will be reviewed periodically.



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