Hampshire & Isle of Wight FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

Environmental

Policy number (AP008)

Next Review Due 31/03/2029

1. Purpose

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA) is committed to ensuring that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight have an efficient and effective fire and rescue service which makes life safer for everyone.

All Policies within the Authority's Policy Framework are to be considered as a collective and not read in isolation.

This Policy sets HIWFRA's commitment to meet its statutory responsibilities to improve our environmental performance and minimise the environmental impacts of our activities.

2. Principles

2.1 We will embrace environmental leadership and promote awareness.

2.2 We will commit to minimising our environmental impact.

2.3 We will champion environmental responsibility, including the adoption of the National Fire Chiefs Council's Sustainability Charter.

2.4 We will ensure our organisational activities comply with legislative requirements, and best practice where appropriate.

2.5 We will continually improve our environmental performance by setting environmental objectives and maintaining a suitable and flexible Environmental Management System.

2.6 We will monitor the environmental impacts of our activities, vehicles and buildings, ensuring innovation and sustainable practices.

2.7 We will deliver our Carbon Reduction Pathway, reducing our energy consumption and carbon emissions, to achieve net zero carbon.

2.8 We will promote sustainable travel options for employees and seek efficiencies in business travel where appropriate.

2.9 We will collaborate with partners adopting joint initiatives and arrangements where appropriate.

2.10 We will implement preventative measures to control and prevent pollution across all our organisational activities.

3. Compliance

Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, Clean Air Act 1993, The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010, Control of Major Accident Hazards (COMAH) Regulations 2015, The Hazardous Waste Regulations 2005 (as amended) and Environmental Damage (Prevention and Remediation) Regulations 2009.

Environmental Protection Act 1990, Climate Change Act 2008 (2050 Target Amendment) Order 2019, and Environment Act 2021.

All other relevant legislation, regulations and approved guidance, including the greening government commitments (GGCs).

Professional guidance, including the National Operational Guidance, Fire Standards including Leading the Service, and the principles within the International Organisation for Standardisation (ISO) for Environmental Management Systems, and the principles within the United Nations Global Sustainable Development Goals including, Good Health and Wellbeing, Affordable and Clean Energy, and Climate Action.

4. Core Code of Ethics

HIWFRA is committed to meeting the principles within the Core Code of Ethics and will ensure that the principles in the Environmental Policy reflect the requirements of the Code.

5. Governance

HIWFRA has responsibility for the functions of the fire and rescue service as specified in legislation.

HIWFRA delegates the operation of the principles contained within the Environmental Policy to HIWFRS Chief Fire Officer, in accordance with its Constitution and the Safety Plan.

6. Appendix