



Environmental Policy

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Commencement Date

This policy will become active on 1 January 2015 and continue to be in operation until superseded. It will be reviewed at least every two years, led by the Performance Team and be made available to external parties.

Scope

Merseytravel is the transport executive body providing transport advice to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority and the functions and powers as a Passenger Transport Executive.

The scope of this Policy includes environmental aspects within Merseytravel's direct control and our role in influencing the Liverpool City Region's transport related environmental impacts.

Direct control covers Merseytravel owned assets and delivered services and operations. These currently include the operation and management of the Mersey road tunnels, passenger ferry services, bus stations and our administrative offices. These are managed through Merseytravel's Environmental Management System (EMS).

We also influence environmental aspects of the Transport Plan for Growth and Local Transport Plans. These are managed via the Plans' own performance management and reporting processes.

Purpose of the Policy

Environmental wellbeing is a key strand within Merseytravel's mission statement, corporate priorities and values, in recognition that it brings many benefits to Merseytravel, its staff and the wider community. Setting this policy and delivering against it supports Merseytravel and its partners to meet legal obligations, manage environmental impacts, identify improvements and opportunities and be efficient in our working practices. The delivery of this policy is reviewed through the Merseytravel EMS and the regional transport strategy and their associated annual reports.

Policy Statement

Merseytravel's commitments to managing its direct and indirect environmental impacts are:

- **Reducing our energy use and emissions.** This includes all our assets such as the Mersey Tunnels and their ventilation stations, our internal vehicle fleet including the Mersey Ferries, our office buildings and bus stations.
- **Conserving resources, preventing pollution and reducing waste.** Includes minimising polluting emissions to land, water and air and reducing waste to landfill.

- **Environmentally sustainable infrastructure and services.** Includes infrastructure and services which are sustainably planned, designed, built, operated and maintained. This includes Merseytravel's considerable capital build programme and an aim for infrastructure and services to be as resilient to climate change as practically possible.
- **Working with City Region Partners to reduce the environmental impacts of transport across the region.**
- **Setting environmental objectives and targets and continually improving.** The EMS and regional transport strategy set objectives and indicators to ensure delivery and make continual improvements supported by appropriate actions, auditing, measurement and communications.
- **Demonstrating compliance with applicable current legislation and other requirements to which the organisation subscribes.**
- **Enabling key staff to be accountable for and engaged in achieving these policy commitments.** Includes making information and training available for key employees.

Responsibilities

The Director of Integrated Transport Services is responsible for the overall implementation, monitoring and review of this policy across the organisation.

Heads of Service are responsible for ensuring their service area's environmental risks have been identified and appropriate measures are in place to meet legislation and minimise risks.

All staff are required to be familiar with this policy and take appropriate steps to manage the environmental impacts of their work.