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1. Policy Statement/Intentions

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- 1.1 This policy applies to all staff, including the Commissioner and his/her senior managers, paid staff, volunteers and agency staff, students, interns or anyone working on behalf of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) for Devon and Cornwall.
- 1.2 The sustainability and Environmental policy affect the way in which the OPCC operates and its impact on the environment.
- 1.3 The purpose of this policy is:
 - to establish a process to ensure we do all that is reasonable to minimise the impact of our work on the environment;
 - to ensure that where we work in partnership and that our partners and the OPCC understand the policy intention and any constraints in delivering this agenda;
 - to ensure that any services that the PCC commissions from third parties have considered their own sustainability and environmental policy and that this is considered in any procurement processes;
 - to provide our personnel with the fundamental principles that guide our approach to sustainability and environmental policy and increase their awareness of the duties place on them with national and local climate change policy decisions.

2 What do we mean by sustainability?

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- 2.1 Sustainability for the OPCC is about our environmental responsibility, resilience and a capacity to endure. By considering the OPCCs environmental impact we can:
 - make the best use of our resources;
 - improve process and governance;
 - identify opportunities for development;
 - lead by example;
 - predict and manage risk.
- 2.2 We know that to bring about real change, we need to consider sustainability in how we:

- manage our building and fleet;
- lead, make decisions and deliver change;
- communicate and engage with the public and our partners;
- manage risk and ensure continuous improvement.

3. Policy statement

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3.1 The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly is committed to minimising the impact of its activities on the environment.

3.2 The OPCC recognises that our activities can have both negative and positive impact on the environment, people and wider communities. In the delivery of our statutory duties and the Police and Crime Plan, we need to ensure that environmental, social and economic impacts are fully considered when taking decisions so that the role of the Office remains 'fit for purpose' both now and in the future.

3.3 To deliver our vision of the future and in line with local authorities and partners recent declarations of climate change emergencies across Devon and Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly , we will further embed 'environmental and sustainability thinking' into our everyday activities and influence our partners and suppliers to do the same. Our success will be measured by the degree to which 'environment and sustainability management' is fully embedded into the way every one of us works.

3.4 Policy statement

The OPCC will:

- Understand the impacts we have on the environment around us through our activities and our use of resources and commit to minimising negative impacts for the benefit of all within the financial constraints of the business and without compromising critical work that supports the safety of our communities.
- Establish environmental and sustainability objectives that take account of our significant environmental aspects, compliance objectives and other identified risks and opportunities. These will be periodically reviewed, documented as part of our risk management processes and be communicated to staff and to others on request.
- Reduce carbon emissions from our operations by investing in energy efficient buildings and technology, improving our energy management, managing our business travel and influencing colleague's behaviour.
- Ensure opportunities for conservation and enhancement of biodiversity are taken wherever possible and promotion and encouragement of involvement in local environmental initiatives/schemes.

- Embed environmental and sustainability considerations into business decisions, which will include the application of eg BREEAM in the design and major refurbishment of our building stock.
- Fulfil its compliance obligations associated with its environmental aspects (hazards) and associated environmental and sustainability risks and opportunities.
- Continually improve the environmental management systems that mitigate our direct environmental impact, reduce our use of natural resources including our use of water, reduce our waste production and prevent pollution on our estate.
- Raise our workforces' awareness of OPCC environmental and sustainability risks and opportunities, influencing and encouraging environmental and sustainable behaviours and identifying and providing appropriate training to enable them to play a full role in implementing this policy.
- Seek opportunities to work with our supply chain to reduce the environmental impact of our operations, addressing as a minimum, UK government procurement policy, but exploiting other opportunities identified by us and our suppliers where practical.
- Work with Devon and Cornwall Police and Dorset Police and with national and local government and the communities around us to achieve these objectives.

4. Responsibility and Monitoring **[FOIA Open]**

- 4.1 The CEO and the Senior Leadership Team of the OPCC take overall ownership of the Sustainability and Environmental Policy Statement and will promote the importance of this approach to all members of the OPCC team.
- 4.2 Managers are responsible for ensuring that all new relevant entrants undertake appropriate training; and are given adequate time and support during induction to acquaint themselves with the policy and operating procedures.
- 4.3 All personnel to whom this policy applies are responsible for ensuring that they understand the policy and operating procedures and seek guidance and support where necessary.
- 4.4 The day-to-day operation of the policy and its procedures will be the responsibility of OPCC Treasurer, and each member of the OPCC staff.
- 4.5 Compliance with the requirements of the policy will be monitored via:
- a. Relevant and timely training.
 - b. Continuous monitoring by OPCC Treasurer and lead officers.

5 Review and Ownership **[FOIA Open]**

- 5.1 Ownership of this policy is the responsibility of the Chief Executive.

6. Monitoring

6.1 Compliance with, and effectiveness of this policy will be reviewed at least once every three years, or in the following circumstances:

- Changes in legislation and/or government guidance;
- As a result of any other significant change or event
- This policy will be reviewed by or on behalf of the Chief Executive to make sure it remains accurate and fit for purpose.