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FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

## Environment Policy

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### Hereford and Worcester Fire and Rescue Service

The Authority undertakes Fire and Rescue duties across the two counties and in support of other Fire and Rescue Authorities regionally and nationally. We recognise that the operations and activities that we carry out have potential to impact on the environment and we are committed to improving our environmental performance through the following measures:

- Implement an Environmental Management System that is aligned with the international ISO 14001:2004 standard.
- Comply with all relevant environmental legislation, acts and other requirements to which we subscribe.
- Prevent pollution of the environment from any of the operational and training activities we carry out.
- Include environmental issues in all planning and decision making.
- Continually improve on our environmental performance by setting objectives and targets and reviewing performance against them.
- Put measures in place to control and reduce the environmental impacts of significant aspects.
- Seek suppliers and subcontractors with environmental standards consistent with our own.
- Minimise the use of energy, water and raw materials in our buildings and during our operational activities.
- Purchase the most environmentally benign materials appropriate to the job and continually review materials used.
- Undertake work with our community to prevent and reduce the numbers of fires and road traffic accidents.
- Communicate the policy to all employees and make it available to the public and stakeholders on request.

Signed:

Position: Chief Fire Officer

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