

# Belfast Harbour

## Environmental Policy Statement

Belfast Harbour recognises that effective environmental management systems and performance are fundamental to our business.

We consider it a priority to reduce the risks to our environment to a level as low as reasonably practical, to prevent pollution and to minimise the environmental impact of our activities, in order to achieve this we will:

- Comply with all applicable legislation, regulations, codes of practice and other requirements to which we subscribe including the:
  - Principles of sustainable development
  - ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management Systems
  - European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) Green Guide
  - Port Marine Safety Code
  - Protection of Biodiversity consistent with our duties as a Harbour Authority
- Systematically identify and assess environmental risks associated with our activities.
- Set measurable environmental objectives and targets supported by a management programme that measures and monitors performance, reviews effectiveness and evaluates compliance.
- Mitigate and control identified risks in order to manage our activities in an environmentally responsible manner.
- Develop, maintain and test emergency response plans and procedures.
- Involve and consult interested parties on environmental issues where appropriate.
- Ensure that employees and others working on our behalf are competent to carry out their work and understand the impact their actions and behaviour may have on the environment.
- Provide our employees (and where appropriate; customers, contractors and suppliers) with adequate information, training and supervision to enable them to understand and discharge their responsibilities for compliance with this policy.
- Communicate this policy to all persons working for or on behalf of Belfast Harbour Commissioners and make this policy available to the public.
- Strive to achieve continual improvement in our environmental management systems and performance.

This Policy Statement is periodically reviewed by senior management to ensure that it remains relevant and appropriate to the scope of activities conducted by Belfast Harbour.



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