Zero Waste Scotland Environmental Policy

Zero Waste Scotland’s mission is helping Scotland to become more efficient in its use of resources. As a facilitator and enabler of change, we help reduce waste, increase energy efficiency and promote responsible water use – all as part of a journey towards a low-carbon, sustainable economy.

We work with a wide range of partners, from major businesses, trade bodies and local authorities through to individuals looking for practical advice. We always aim to work together with others to achieve the best results.

As we develop our business, we will conduct our own activities and operations to reflect best environmental practice, controlling both our direct impacts and the more significant indirect impacts resulting from the businesses and projects we support.

Zero Waste Scotland has therefore adopted the following Environmental Policy.

We will:

- comply with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and any other requirements to which ZWS subscribes;
- prevent pollution by controlling emissions to the environment;
- make more effective use of resources, in line with the waste hierarchy;
- pursue activities which minimise waste sent to landfill and maximise greenhouse gas emissions reductions;
- appraise projects and contracts we are involved in, to ensure they assess environmental risks and comply with our Environmental Policy wherever practicable;
- ensure that, where possible, circular economy and wider sustainability principles are incorporated into our procurement of goods and services;
- maintain our ISO14001 certified management system to implement our Environmental Policy and deliver continual improvement;
- review our Environmental Policy annually and set new objectives and targets; and communicate this policy to those working for and on behalf of the organisation to ensure understanding and delivery of our objectives.

In addition, Zero Waste Scotland encourages its staff to be environmentally responsible in their personal lives and may support initiatives by individuals that contribute to its mission.

The Zero Waste Scotland Environmental Policy is publicly available.

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