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MISSION STATEMENT

The United Kingdom Association of Fire Investigators (UK-AFI) recognises that organisations have a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and statutory requirements for achieving good environmental practice and operating in a sustainable manner.

We are therefore committed to reducing our environmental impact and continually improving our environmental performance as an integral and fundamental part of our business strategy and operating methods.

It is our priority to encourage our members, customers, suppliers and all business associates to do the same. Not only is this sound commercial sense for all; it is also a matter of delivering on our duty of care towards future generations.

We will operate in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and we will strive to use pollution prevention and environmental best practices in all we do.

RESPONSIBILITY

The Directors of UK - AFI are responsible for ensuring that this environmental policy is implemented and monitored. However, all members have a responsibility in their area of operations to ensure that the aims and objectives of this policy are met.

POLICY AIMS

The UK – AFI will endeavour to:

- integrate the consideration of environmental and ethical concerns and impacts into all of our decision making and activities, where appropriate,
- wholly support and comply with or exceed the requirements of current environmental legislation and codes of practice,
- continually improve by periodically monitoring our performance,
- assess the environmental impact(s) of any new processes, products or activities and where possible design them out prior to implementation.

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- Increase member awareness and encourage the use of best practice by other stakeholders.

POLICY OBJECTIVES

Utilities and Fuels

- minimise energy and water usage and promote their efficient use in our activities and processes to conserve supplies, and minimise our consumption of natural resources, especially where they are non-renewable,
- seek to employ alternative sustainable technologies into our operations where appropriate.

Culture

- promote environmental awareness among our members by training, education and involvement and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner,
- communicate our environmental commitment to clients, customers and the public and encourage them to support it and to improve their environmental performance,
- assist others, when requested, in developing solutions to environmental problems.

Consumables

- assess the environmental impact of any new products or activities we intend to introduce in advance and avoid the unnecessary use of hazardous materials and products and seek substitutions when feasible,
- as far as possible purchase products that do the least damage to the environment, encourage others to do the same and take all reasonable steps to protect human health and the environment when such materials must be used, stored and disposed of,



- reduce waste through re-use and recycling and by purchasing recycled, recyclable, or refurbished products and materials where these alternatives are available, economical and suitable,
- only use appropriate methods and licensed organisations to dispose of waste

Travel

- Identify locations for training and development and meeting purposes that are in the near vicinity of public transport hubs
- Encourage members to select sustainable travel options or lift share where possible

MONITORING AND IMPROVEMENT

- continually improve by periodically monitoring our performance
- produce and publish reports that will inform the maintenance of our environmental policy considering our current and planned future activities.
- where required by legislation or where significant health, safety or environmental hazards exist, develop, and maintain appropriate emergency and spill response programmes,
- employ Best Available Techniques (BAT) and by continuous improvement strive to improve our environmental performance in respect of air, water, noise and light pollution from our activities and reduce any impacts from our operations on the environment and local community.
- review this policy and any related business issues at our monthly management meetings,
- update this policy at least once annually in consultation with members and other stakeholders where necessary.

For any issues related to Environmental Policy linked to the Association please contact:

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