



## Environmental Policy

The purpose of this Environmental and Sustainable Development Policy is to define the Authority's commitment to Local Agenda 21 and to identify the methods by which Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority will promote both internally and externally the objectives of the environmental protection and sustainable development.

### The Authority will:

- Continue to develop its statement of commitment as one of its primary objectives.
- Identify and deliver training to ensure that staff are made aware of how their actions will impact on the environment. This training will be verified and validated to ensure that staff are competent to do their work safely.
- Ensure that the Service maintains its environmental management system to comply with the requirements identified within ISO 14001.
- Quantify and where practicable minimise negative impacts caused to the environment through activities such as transport, production of waste and energy consumption.
- Make arrangements to prevent pollution and continually improve performance.
- Comply with all applicable legislation and any other requirements associated with our activities and ensure that all these requirements are reviewed regularly.

- Maintain a framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets. This process will include allocating responsibility; documenting, monitoring and reporting progress towards continual improvement and form part of the Management Review procedure.

### Action in the Wider Community

The Authority will actively involve the local community in working together towards sustainable development.

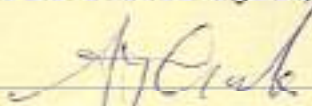
### Partnership Development

The Authority will work with other organisations and interest groups on environmental protection and sustainability issues, in general, and develop partnerships on specific projects and initiatives.

### Measuring, monitoring and reporting on progress towards sustainability

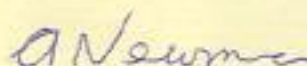
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority will identify its environmental and sustainable development objectives creating a measuring, monitoring and reporting policy to assess and update the Authority on the impact of its activities.

The fire service shall document and communicate the policy to all persons working for or on behalf of the organisation and to the general public when requested.

  
Chief Fire Officer

Date:

5/11/05



Chairperson of Fire Authority

Date:

5/11/05