

## **TOR BAY HARBOUR AUTHORITY**

### **TOR BAY HARBOUR – ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT**

Torbay Council, as the Harbour Authority for Tor Bay Harbour, is committed to ensuring the best practicable protection of the Environment under its jurisdiction and responsibility, commensurate with its overall mission and that of sustainable development.

Tor Bay Harbour Authority will seek to maintain and improve, wherever possible, a high level of environmental quality through the strict adherence of U.K. environmental legislation and internationally agreed conventions, directives and resolutions intended to protect the environment.

The Harbour Authority recognises the need to conserve the natural environment of the Bay through sound environmental management. Environmental policies for the Harbours will ensure, wherever possible, that duties carried out by Tor Bay Harbour Authority staff as well as recreational and commercial activities within harbour limits, will take place without any adverse effects on the quality of the environment.

The waters of Tor Bay include and are adjacent to Sites of Special Scientific Interest, an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Special Areas of Conservation and other sites with an environmental designation. Tor Bay Harbour Authority will work closely with environmental agencies to ensure that the quality of the environment is improved upon, thereby enhancing the natural resources for future generations.

Tor Bay Harbour Authority will encourage users of the Bay and suppliers of services to the harbours to adopt practices compatible with the aims of an evolving environmental management system.

The Council consider that educating and training employees, as well as the public, on the importance of conserving and enhancing the Bay will contribute to achieving environmental goals.

Tor Bay Harbour Authority is pledged to work towards a cleaner environment through implementation of effective management strategies, co-operation with relevant authorities and consultation with users and other interest groups.

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