

TOR BAY HARBOUR – ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of Tor Bay Harbour Authority to ensure that our business practices protect the welfare of our employees and the communities in which we operate. This Environmental Policy is applicable to all employees and is also encouraged within our tenants, contractors and operations within the limits of Tor Bay Harbour.

Torbay Council, as the Harbour Authority for Tor Bay Harbour, is committed to maintaining the balance between commercial, recreational and environmental interests, at the same time maintaining a sustainable and commercially viable municipal port.

We will seek to attract and develop sustainable harbour operations and to minimise impacts on the environment. We will operate the harbour in accordance with procedures designed to prevent incidents that may cause environmental damage.

Tor Bay Harbour Authority will seek to maintain and wherever practical improve, 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.

In pursuance of these policy objectives the Harbour Authority will :

- Seek opportunities to apply innovative technology to reduce emissions and energy consumption;
- Consider the efficient use of renewable energy and natural resources;
- Continually assess recycling, re-use and waste minimisation opportunities;
- Ensure that contingency plans and controls are in place and regularly reviewed and tested, to endeavour to prevent spills of oil, chemicals or potentially contaminating materials;

Harbour Authority adheres to the industry standard policy that the 'polluter pays' for the cost of clean-up and disposal following land or marine based incidents.

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

Most of the inshore area within Tor Bay Harbour limits has been designated as a Marine Conservation Zone. The waters of Tor Bay also include and/or 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 continue to work closely with environmental agencies to ensure that, where possible, 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 harbour to adopt practices compatible with the aims of an evolving environmental management system. This aim will be communicated to our customers.

The Council consider that educating and training our employees, as well as the public, on the importance of conserving and enhancing the Bay will contribute to achieving our environmental goals. This policy will be published and communicated to harbour staff, tenants and contractors.

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

This policy will be reviewed from time to time to embrace changes in the Harbour Authority's activities and will be endorsed by the Torbay Council's Harbour Committee.

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