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TOR BAY HARBOUR AUTHORITY

TOR BAY HARBOUR – ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

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

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.

In pursuance of these policy objectives the Harbour Authority will :-

- Seek opportunities to apply innovative technology to reduce emissions and energy consumption.
- 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.

It is the Harbour Authority's policy for the 'polluter' to pay for the cost of clean up and disposal following land and 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 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, 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 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.

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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