

Environmental Policy

Introduction

This document sets out the CBHA's policies in relation to environmental issues which it expects to be adhered to by staff, residents, contractors and suppliers. Compliance with the policies will be monitored through the complementary Environmental Action Plan.

The CBHA exists to improve the living conditions and quality of life of the residents by empowering them to make many of their own decisions regarding their environment.

As a member of the Peabody Group the CBHA will work with Peabody Trust to develop and promote environmental and sustainability policies covering its own operations and those of its contractors and suppliers.

Commitment

The CBHA will promote sustainability and environmental issues in all aspects of its operations from housing development to the day to day running of its area offices. It will endeavour to ensure that these policies are adhered to by its partners and contractors as well as its own staff.

A Sustainable Vision

Environmental and sustainability policies are aimed at providing a fair share of resources and access to opportunities for current and future generations by:

- valuing people and resources
- valuing resources such as energy, materials and the natural environment
- reducing waste and pollution
- helping to combat climate change
- creating and maintaining sustainable communities by integrating environmental, economic and social benefits.

The Planning and Policy Framework

To monitor and improve our performance the CBHA will integrate the Environmental Policy into our business and strategic planning frameworks through the following actions:

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- Undertake an audit of existing activities and strategies
- Measure the carbon footprint of the CBHA's main offices and put an improvement plan in place
- Benchmark against other RSLs
- Work with dedicated professionals (sustainability managers) employed by the Peabody Group
- Monitor compliance with the Environmental Policy through the Environmental Action Plan.

Partners and Contractors

The CBHA expects its partners and contractors to be in compliance with best practice in relation to environmental and sustainability issues.

All decisions made during the design and construction as well as in the management of new and existing building stock, shall take into consideration the total life cycle costs and the necessity to undertake future routine, planned maintenance during the lifetime of development.

CBHA will endeavour to ensure that in all of its activities and those of its contractors / suppliers all forms of pollution (air borne, water borne, noise etc.) are kept to a minimum.

Putting our own House in Order

CBHA staff will promote the Environmental Policy by adopting energy efficiency ideas in the day to day operations of its business as detailed in the Environmental Action Plan.

CBHA Housing

CBHA residents can also make a significant contribution to sustainability. The CBHA will work with the local authority to promote recycling, energy conservation and other 'green' issues and to promote and raise awareness of these issues.