



HUMBERSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

# Emergency Response

## Environmental Policy (Operational)

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This Environmental policy provides all personnel with the Services means of planning, preparing and responding to incidents to prevent or minimise the environmental impact.

### Core Code Of Ethics

Humberside Fire and Rescue Service (HFRS) has adopted the Core Code of Ethics for Fire and Rescue Services. The Service is committed to the ethical principles of the Code and strives to apply them in all we do; therefore, those principles are reflected in this Policy.

### National Guidance

Any National Guidance which has been adopted by HFRS, will be reflected in this Policy.

## 2. EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION

HFRS has a legal responsibility under the [Equality Act 2010](#), and a commitment, to ensure it does not discriminate either directly or indirectly in any of its functions and services or in its treatment of staff, in relation to race, sex, disability, sexual orientation, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, gender reassignment or marriage and civil partnership. It also has a duty to make reasonable adjustments for disabled applicants, employees and service users.

## 3. AIM AND OBJECTIVES

The Aim of this Policy is to provide a direct strategic link to the use of National Operational Guidance (NOG) adopted as best practice by HFRS and throughout the Fire and Rescue Service sector. HFRS aligns with the Guidance set out in NOG with the exceptions identified within Operational Information Notes.

## 4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- [Equality Impact Analysis](#)
- Legal References
  - [The Environmental Permitting \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2016 \(2016\)](#)
  - [The Pollution Prevention and Control \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2000 \(2000\)](#)
  - [Water Resources Act 1991 \(1991\)](#)
  - [The Regulatory Reform \(Fire Safety\) Order 2005 \(08/2015\)](#)
  - [Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 \(07/2004\)](#)
  - [Civil Contingencies Act 2004 \(12/2004\)](#)
  - [Health and safety at Work Act etc 1974 20/02/2018 \(03/1997\)](#)

- National Guidance
  - [National Operational Guidance Environmental Protection 11/2017 \(2017\)](#)
  - Environmental Protection Handbook for Fire and Rescue Services (as amended)
- CLG CRMP Steering Group Planning; Policy Guidance
- [Managing for Health and Safety \(HSG65\) – HSE Third Edition \(2013\)](#)

(Dates in brackets are published dates)

## **5. DEFINITIONS**

**A policy:** a formal statement of principles established by HFRS that provides the parameters for decision making and actions.

**National Operational Guidance:** National framework of identified hazards associated with major incident and a set of control measures to limit risk.

## **6. POLICY STATEMENT**

We have legal and moral responsibilities to protect the environment at incidents. We will do this by putting in place effective planning and response arrangements and managing the impacts of our actions through the Decision Control Process. We will use National Operational Guidance and associated environmental protection guidance to inform procedures.

We will provide equipment to mitigate damage to the environment. We will use normal Service arrangements to procure and manage equipment. Operational staff will receive instruction and training in its use.

Our Risk Intelligence and Fire Protection teams will work with partners and businesses to reduce the risk to firefighters and the environment before incidents occur, using enforcement where necessary. Site Specific Risk Information (SSRI) will be collected, plans created and accessed at incidents. We will identify Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) with support from conservation bodies and plan for any foreseeable events.

We work with other Category 1 and 2 responders through Emergency Planning Groups and the Local Resilience Forum, exercising regularly with them and sharing information through the Resilience Direct on-line network. We will develop good working relationships with partners described in the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 to create procedures which support operational response and protect the environment.

During incidents, we will provide and have access to, specialist advice remotely and on scene. We will use the Joint Emergency Services Inter-Operability Programme (JESIP) principles and Joint Decision Model to inform multi-agency action plans. We will record decisions and actions enabling effective regular review.

**If you require any further guidance in relation to this policy,  
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