

## PORT OF LONDON AUTHORITY

### ENVIRONMENT POLICY

As the statutory harbour authority, licensing authority and owner of the riverbed of the tidal Thames, the Port of London Authority (PLA) has environmental duties under the Harbours Act 1964, Port of London Act 1968 (as amended), and the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000.

The PLA is a competent authority under the Conservation of Habitats & Species Regulations 2010 (as amended) and has other duties and obligations under European and UK legislation. We have a dedicated environment team integrated into the wider organisation and a cross departmental Environment Group to deliver our obligations.

In discharging our roles, we are committed to compliance with all applicable environmental legislation and other relevant requirements in the pursuit of our duties and powers. As Custodians of the tidal Thames our mission is to conserve and improve the tidal Thames alongside its use as a thriving port and waterway. Under the PLA Strategy we are committed to the sustainable development of the river and estuary in accordance with the Marine Policy Statement and delivering the PLA's environmental contributions to the Thames Vision Goals. It is the Board's policy that we will:

- Deliver net zero by 2040 by implementing the Green PLA actions, including measures to reduce air emissions, energy consumption, waste and litter, increase renewable energy provision and improve biodiversity. From the 2014 baseline carbon footprint, monitor and report in absolute terms, against intensity metrics (per pilotage act and per million tonnes cargo) and as progress towards net zero.
- Provide biodiversity net gain by appropriate management of the estuary and our estate, particularly within designated conservation sites, and work with communities to continue to improve these sites for future generations.
- Improve the PLA's own vessel emissions and implement green technologies. Implement renewable technology for power provision across the PLA estate and through investments across the Thames.
- Regularly review climate change impacts and adaptation measures.
- Pursue efficiencies in energy and waste to reduce the PLA's impact on the environment using sustainable procurement practices and life cycle assessment. Ensure sustainability is considered in decision making through the use of tools including sustainability assessments and emission pricing.
- Protect the environment by preventing pollution whilst maintaining a high level of preparedness and taking appropriate action to deal with any incidents, including through the Thames Oil Spill Clearance Association.
- Continue to work with port users to understand the requirements and overcome barriers so that the Port can achieve net zero and improve air quality.
- Maintain the PLA's accreditation as a European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO) EcoPort and follow the relevant parts of the ESPO Green Guide.
- Be an active participant in the World Ports Sustainability Programme (WPSP) and the Environment Ship Index (ESI), through our membership of the International Ports and Harbour Association (IAPH).

- Communicate this environmental policy to all staff, contractors and suppliers and provide guidance and appropriate training where necessary. Report the PLA's environment performance annually through an environment report, conferences and corporate documents.

In maintaining an Environmental Management System (EMS) under 14001:2015 to continually improve, assess the impacts of the PLA's activities on the environment and, monitor and audit the EMS and its effectiveness for all significant PLA properties and areas of activity.

This policy was approved by the PLA Executive Committee on 15 December 2020 and will be reviewed annually.

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