Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

Sustainability Policy

Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service is the second largest fire brigade in the UK providing fire and rescue services for the residents of the 10 local authorities that comprise Greater Manchester. We are committed to providing this service in a sustainable manner that enables us to continue to work effectively within the community. Our sustainability strategy for Greater Manchester incorporates three overarching principles:

1. Reduction of CO2 equivalent emissions from our direct operations and from fires in the communities we serve.
2. Adaptation of our service to the risks posed by climate change and the changing needs of our communities.
3. Promotion of sustainable development and sustainable behaviours both within our organisation and in our work with communities and partners.

To support these principles we commit to;

- Take steps to reduce the environmental impacts of our operations.
- Endeavour to prevent pollution.
- Comply with applicable environmental legislation and other requirements to which we subscribe.
- Continue to work closely with local communities and businesses to promote fire safety and sustainability.
- Continue to work with socially excluded individuals to promote social inclusion.
- Consider sustainability issues in procurement and new building design.
- Minimise the amount of waste produced at our sites going to landfill and maximise recycling.
- Set objectives and targets to deliver our sustainability policy.
- Communicate our sustainability strategy and performance to all employees and other interested parties.

We aim to continually improve our sustainability performance and this policy and our objectives and targets will be reviewed on an annual basis.

GREATER MANCHESTER
FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Signed

County Fire Officer and Chief Executive
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Service

Date: October 6, 2010

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Chairman
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority

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