

# Sustainability Policy



*Make the wrong choices now and future generations will live with a changed climate, depleted resources and without the green space and biodiversity that contribute both to our standard of living and our quality of life. Each of us needs to make the right choices to secure a future that is fairer, where we can all live within our environmental limits. That means sustainable development.*

UK Sustainable Development Strategy "Securing the Future"

## Introduction

The City of London has a proud history of looking to the welfare of future generations and has long been aware that a clean environment and economic prosperity go hand in hand with quality of life. Following that tradition, this document outlines the principles of sustainability which the City of London Corporation, its staff and contractors are expected to follow in all their activities, plans and projects.

## Key

The icons show the links with the five themes from The City Together Strategy: The Heart of a World Class City 2008-2014:

## The City of London: the heart of a World Class City which...

...is competitive and promotes opportunity



...supports our communities



...protects, promotes and enhances our environment



...is vibrant and culturally rich












...is safer and stronger
















*This policy sets out how the City of London Corporation will contribute to:*

- Building a strong, stable and sustainable economy which provides prosperity and opportunities for all*
- Respecting the limits of the planet's environment, resources and biodiversity*
- Ensuring a strong, healthy and just society*

## The City of London Corporation will

<p><b>EC</b></p>	<p><i>Contribute to building a strong, stable and sustainable economy which provides prosperity and opportunities for all.</i></p> <p><b>ECONOMIC</b></p>	
<p>EC1</p>	<p>Assist businesses in the Square Mile and the City Fringe to become more stable and competitive by improving understanding of climate change, its potential impacts and how to prepare for and adapt to them.</p>	
<p>EC2</p>	<p>Develop and implement a Climate Change Strategy for the Square Mile outlining the path that the City will take to achieve significant reductions in its emission of greenhouse gases</p>	
<p>EC3</p>	<p>Continue to increase business competitiveness and efficiency by helping businesses to adopt sustainable practices, reduce emissions and explore opportunities associated with environmental markets.</p>	
<p>EC4</p>	<p>Support small and medium sized businesses within the Square mile through local and sustainable procurement whilst continuing to encourage our partners and suppliers to do the same.</p>	
<p>EC5</p>	<p>Encourage all business partners to become good corporate citizens and adopt sound policies on Corporate Social Responsibility, environmental management and volunteering schemes</p>	
<p>EC6</p>	<p>Continue to adapt infrastructure and services in order to prepare for the likely impacts of climate change and a low carbon future.</p>	
<p>EC7</p>	<p>Improve the pool of skilled, local labour through training and ensure everyone has access to education and employment opportunities.</p>	
<p><b>EN</b></p>	<p><i>Respect the limits of the planet's environment, resources and biodiversity.</i></p> <p><b>ENVIRONMENT</b></p>	
<p>EN1</p>	<p>Raise awareness of environmental issues, and encourage the use of best practice in all areas of operation and partnership working.</p>	
<p>EN2</p>	<p>Continue to reduce carbon emissions from the City of London and its partners by increasing energy efficiency and the use of 'green' energy technologies.</p>	

EN4	Reduce, reuse and recycle waste improve energy and water efficiency as far as possible and encourage others to do the same.	
EN5	Ensure sustainable development principles are at the heart of the City of London's planning system.	
EN6	Work towards a sustainable and integrated transport system in the Square Mile, which reduces the negative impacts of transport use on the environment.	
EN8	Protect, maintain and improve the built environment of the Square Mile and the City Fringe, thus ensuring a safe and pleasant place to live and work, and that new building developments have a positive impact.	
EN9	Continue work with partners to counteract and reduce the risk of major flooding.	
EN10	Increase awareness of everyone's role in making the Square Mile, and other areas of land which it owns and controls, clean and attractive places to live, work and visit.	
EN11	Improve the cleanliness of the Square Mile and City Fringe through street cleaning and refuse collection.	
EN12	Improve air quality within the Square Mile and City Fringe, and work with other boroughs to reduce air pollution in Central London.	
EN13	Continue to encourage businesses and the public to reduce the amount of pollution produced to levels which do not harm human health or the environment.	
EN14	Protect, maintain and enhance open spaces, and other areas with landscape, wildlife or historical interest on all the property it manages, in partnership with the local community.	
EN15	Protect and maintain the historic properties which it owns both inside and outside the Square Mile, and ensure that streets and public spaces are designed and maintained to a high standard.	
EN16	Continue to use its enforcement powers and education to prevent risk to health and damage to the environment.	
	<i>Contribute to a strong, healthy and just society.</i>	
<b>SO</b>	<b>SOCIAL</b>	
SO1	Enhance and encourage preventative health services, activities and education.	

SO2	Work to encourage deeper understanding and cooperation between people from different cultures and faiths.	
SO3	Provide activities and meeting places for young people.	
SO4	Encourage closer working between different groups to ensure a range of cultural activities meets the needs of all.	
SO5	Consult, inform, include and involve the City of London's diverse community when making decisions and delivering change.	
SO6	Work to ensure marginalised/ minority/ disadvantaged groups have equal access to and are encouraged to use all City services and activities.	
SO7	Promote road safety.	
SO8	Work with all its stakeholders to reduce crime and fear of crime.	
SO9	Encourage increased understanding of sustainable development issues through education and professional development	

The City of London Corporation is a uniquely diverse organisation with three strategic aims –

- To support and promote 'The City' as a world leader in the international finance and business services
- To provide modern, efficient and high quality local services and policing within the Square Mile for workers, residents and visitors whilst delivering sustainable outcomes.
- To provide valued services to London and the nation.

The City pre-dates parliament and its experience and tradition underpins its modern and efficient services. It operates on a non-party political basis, through its Lord Mayor, aldermen and elected council members, and local government legislation has conferred on the Common Council the functions of a local authority for the City.

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