

CORPORATE STRATEGY & POLICY	Environmental and Sustainable Development Policy
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ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Providence Row Housing Association is a specialist" Registered provider" (Registered Social Landlord) providing a range of support services to people within East London. PRHA provides housing & has a limited development programme which it operates through larger Registered Providers.

1.2 This policy was devised following extensive consultation with staff & residents about the ways in which PRHA impacts on its environment. It therefore reflects our specific circumstances & priorities. One of these has been identified as being in a position to influence the behaviour of a large number of staff & residents through education & assistance.

PRHA is also fortunate to own properties which have mainly been refurbished in the last 15 years & therefore benefiting from higher standards of insulation than the stock generally within our local area. We will review all of our properties and develop plans to ensure that they meet SAP rating C by 2030 (listed properties will be reviewed separately to achieve highest possible standards within planning restraints).

Many of our services are also local & in inner city areas where parking is banned or restricted so public transport, walking and cycling are generally used by both staff & residents. To encourage this further we provide season ticket loans to staff.

1.3 In accordance with ISO 14001:2004 this policy :

- Is appropriate to the nature, scale and environmental impacts of our activities & services;
- States our commitment to continuous improvement and to the prevention of pollution;
- Identifies our commitment to compliance with all applicable legal requirements and other requirements which may be relevant to the various aspects of our business;
- Provides the framework for setting and reviewing our environmental objectives and targets

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2.0 POLICY STATEMENT

2.1 The Management Board, Senior Leadership team and staff of PRHA are committed to reducing our impact on the environment through our role as an owner of housing, as a provider of support & information to our residents, as a purchaser of services & as a small business. We are also committed to improving our activities to positively impact on environmental, social and economic sustainability. We aim to implement all reasonably practicable measures to prevent pollution to the environment and comply with all current environmental regulations, legislation and 'other' requirements. We will further try to work towards best practice in our core activities:

- Educating staff & residents in reducing the amount of fuel & water that they use & helping them to source low energy/fuel & water saving devices.
- Reducing the amount of waste produced in our offices, hostels & homes
- Encouraging staff & residents to recycle both waste & household items & helping them to access recycling facilities
- Ensuring that all of our waste materials are properly disposed of
- Striving to minimise the risk of pollution to water, land and air;
- Further encouraging the use of public transport and bicycles for staff & residents
- Work with our development partners to ensure that all new developments meet the Code for Sustainable Homes & other required sustainability standards.
- Ensure that our sub-contractors are aware of our commitment to reducing environmental impacts & require that they also take this into account in their work.
- Promote PRHA to locally based contractors
- As part of the stock condition survey to continuously review our existing housing stock for potential improvements to heating system, insulation &, where appropriate, to investigate the use of alternative energy sources.
- Review our use of fuel regularly & consider utilising greener sources of energy
- Review our office operations regularly with the aim of ensuring the use of sustainable paper & printing materials ,reducing use where possible & promoting the use of local suppliers
- Use recycled, recyclable, reclaimed and renewable materials wherever possible
- Review the environmental impact of our vehicle fleet (currently 75% electric)
- Continue to support the Grounded Ecotherapy project

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- 2.2 The Chief Executive has direct responsibility for the implementation of this policy and will strive to ensure that our environmental management system is established, implemented and maintained.
- 2.3 PRHA will introduce the following framework to ensure that this policy is effected:
- Review the policy regularly to ensure continuous improvement in environmental performance;
 - Set targets for specific areas of activity
 - Monitor progress against those targets
 - Introduce specific policies to manage any specific environmental hazards (e.g. existing asbestos policy)
 - Review funding requirements and where appropriate bid for Government funding
 - Review whether it is appropriate to work towards the international standard for environmental management systems - BS EN ISO 14001:2004;

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

PRHA has an active environmental management plan (see appendix One) which is fed into departmental workplans.

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