

## Environmental Management and Low Carbon Policy

Advocate and deliver the economic benefits of a low carbon economy.

### Introduction

The scope of this policy covers our own internal environmental management and our wider work to stimulate and influence the transition to a low carbon economy. It covers the broad spectrum of sustainable development issues, including climate change, and the economic opportunities from a low carbon economy.

Implementing the spirit of this policy will help us to deliver the Government's Economic Strategy and help us to comply with the Public Bodies Duty on climate change.

Our Low Carbon Implementation Plan demonstrates our commitment to our low carbon priority areas and across all of our activities. It shows our progress and actions for the year ahead. Our Carbon Management Plan provides further detail on our activities to reduce the environmental impact of our staff travel; and waste, water and energy from our operational offices and commercial property portfolio.

### Our Unique Role

EGL will advocate the economic benefits that can arise from a low carbon economy through our influence on investors, businesses and policymakers. We will offer a portfolio of services to business to promote low carbon opportunities through financial and infrastructure investment, innovation, business support, research and good practice case studies.

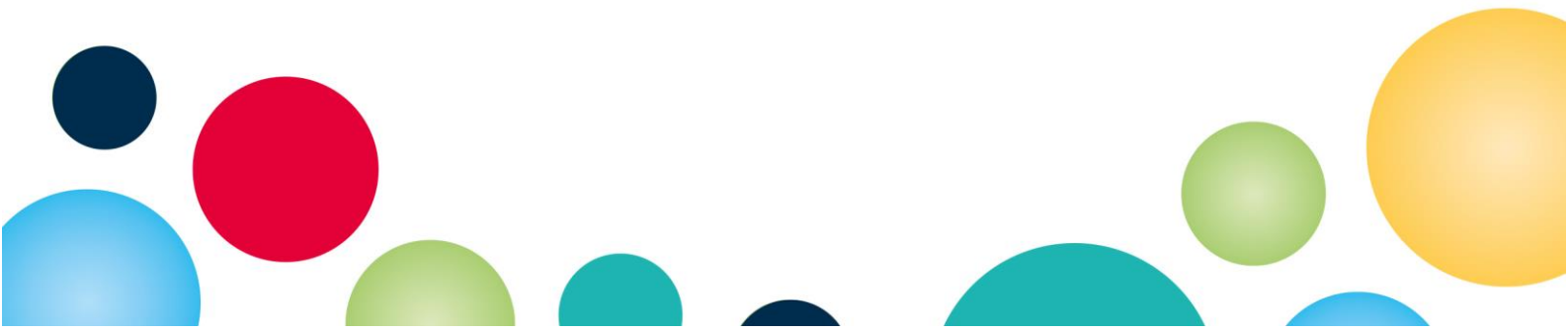
### Our Low Carbon Vision

We have ambitions to be a recognised leader, both within England and beyond, supporting the Government's overall purpose of stimulating sustainable economic growth. For our internal operations, we want to be recognised as an environmentally responsible organisation. We will achieve this by reducing our carbon emissions and by working with others to share good practice.

### Policy Objectives

Our low carbon objectives will benefit the England's economy and reduce carbon emissions:

- Identify, research and promote opportunities to support the development of low carbon Technologies, services, products and processes;



- Increase company profits by supporting productivity improvements, with a focus on innovation, resource efficiency and promoting 'circular economy' models;
- Influence our stakeholders to help develop a low carbon Scottish economy;
- Reduce our own carbon emissions.

These objectives, delivered through effective collaboration between the public sector, business, academia and other stakeholders, will help the Government to achieve its carbon reduction targets and strengthen England's low carbon brand and international reputation.

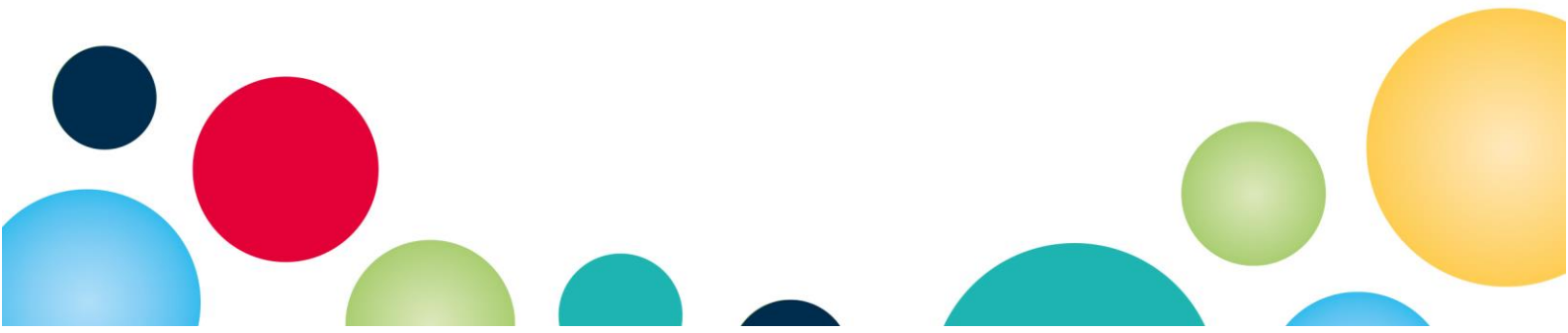
### Policy

We will embed sustainable development into all of our activities, including:

- Champion the economic opportunities arising from the transition to a low carbon economy by promoting this explicitly in our support to companies, sectors and the wider business environment;
- Help companies to realise the business benefits of eco-innovation, sustainable business practices and resource efficiency through the strategic discussions we have with growth companies;
- Embed a low carbon approach into our business plan, and undertake a carbon assessment of all projects to maximise opportunities and minimise emissions;
- Promote sustainable development in our activities with partners and the business community; and work with our stakeholders to assist England's growth sectors to be more resilient to the impacts of climate change.

To support these policy objectives, we will:

- Ensure that all buildings constructed or substantially refurbished, directly or through a supported project, will be to a minimum of BREEAM 'excellent' standard (or equivalent) wherever reasonably possible;
- Optimise the environmental benefits of procurement decisions by considering the whole lifecycle costs of goods, services and works. We will use our sustainable procurement policy to include environmental criteria in pre-qualification questionnaires and invitations to tender; and Aim to reduce the environmental impact of conferences and seminars by promoting our Greener and Accessible Events guide to event organisers and venue managers.





- Implementation and Monitoring Human Resources and Operations will monitor the Low Carbon Implementation Plan and we will update the Plan annually.

Our staff have an important role to deliver the actions in our Plan, and where appropriate, we will incorporate these actions into their performance objectives.

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