

Environmental Policy Tribunals Service

The Tribunals Service, part of the Ministry of Justice, is a critical part of the system through which people are guaranteed access to rights and justice. The purpose of the Tribunals Service is:

- Provide a responsive and efficient administration;
- Contribute to the improvement of the quality of decision-making across government;
- Reform the tribunals justice system for the benefit of its customers and the wider public; and
- Promote and protect the independence of the judiciary.

The Tribunals Service is committed to improving the environmental performance of its estate. This will be achieved through the development and maintenance of an Environmental Management System (EMS), in line with the requirements of the international standard, ISO 14001. The EMS will be regularly reviewed and provide an ongoing commitment to continual environmental improvement and pollution prevention.

To meet these aims, objectives and targets will be established and reviewed on a defined periodic basis. These will seek to address (amongst other issues) the following key aims:

- to reduce water consumption;
- to improve energy efficiency;
- to reduce the amount of waste produced and increase the quantity of waste that is re-used and recycled;
- to reduce paper consumption;
- to consider environmental issues through procurement activities;
- to reduce the environmental impacts of travel; and
- to raise awareness and understanding of environmental issues amongst employees and those working on behalf of the Tribunals Service.

The Tribunals Service is committed to complying with all relevant environmental legislation and other environmental requirements including those targets set by central government.

This policy will be actively reviewed and implemented. The policy will be made available to the public via the internet and communicated to all staff working for and on behalf of the Tribunals Service.

Policy approved by:



Kevin Sadler - Chief Executive

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