

Tayside Contracts Environmental Policy Statement

Tayside Contracts is the largest and longest serving local authority shared service in Scotland, delivering service to the Council areas of Angus, Dundee City and Perth & Kinross, delivering a wide range of services including catering, cleaning, roads maintenance, winter and emergency response, vehicle maintenance, quarry materials and sign manufacture.

The organisation understands the significance of its business activities, direct and indirect impacts on the environment and is committed to achieving the highest standards of environmental performance by preserving resources, preventing pollution, and continually assessing, minimising, and mitigating environmental impacts.

Tayside Contracts is fully committed to comply with, and wherever possible exceed all relevant environmental legislation and any other environmental requirements to which the organisation subscribes.

How we're going to achieve this

Our Climate Change Plan, alongside our Business Plan, outlines the key strategic goals, themes, and targets that will measure our environmental performance. We will achieve these goals by adhering to our Environmental Management System and commitment to the following values. Tayside Contracts will:

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions through improving the efficiency of our transport network, investing in fully electric and other zero/low emission vehicles, and improving energy use within our buildings.
- Care for and protect the environment in which we operate by preserving biodiversity, preventing pollution, and minimising ecological disturbance within our operations whilst maximising positive environmental effects whenever possible.
- Proactively engage our workforce and our external stakeholders through various communication channels to enhance our environmental and sustainability performance.
- Ensure effective and sustainable waste management by striving to improve resource consumption efficiency, minimising waste generation in our operations, reusing and recycling wherever possible and adherence to the Hierarchy of Waste.
- Raise awareness of environmental issues through training and development of all employees.
- Engage with our local communities, and work with local suppliers, to support local action and reduce our carbon footprint.
- Build relationships with customers, understanding their needs and requirements from an environmental standpoint.
- Set, review, and report on our environmental objectives. Conduct regular audits, review effectiveness, and continuously improve our Environmental Management System.
- Collate, analyse, and monitor data to learn from it, and introduce the necessary amendments. Ensuring the continual improvement of our Environmental Management System and supporting processes.
- Develop and continuously improve emergency response procedures to prevent significant environmental damage.

This policy is available to view publicly at www.tayside-contracts.co.uk and has been communicated to all employees. This policy is approved by the Corporate Leadership Team and is reviewed regularly.