



LERWICK PORT AUTHORITY

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

As a statutory harbour authority, Lerwick Port Authority has environmental duties under the Harbours Act 1964 (as amended by the Transport and Works Act 1992) and is fully committed to compliance with all applicable environmental legislation and other requirements, including commitments towards the prevention of pollution.

Lerwick Port Authority is the regulatory authority for the harbour and its responsibilities include conservancy of the harbour. The Authority provides services such as berthing, Pilots and Tugs and waste reception facilities for vessels at the harbour.

The Authority's objective is to develop and implement an Environmental Management System (EMS) that includes procedures and strategies to minimise, control and where possible, eliminate any adverse impacts of its operations and to promote the development of an efficient, cost effective sustainable port.

Lerwick Port Authority has powers to create and enforce byelaws & directions. Where appropriate these are designed specifically to protect the environment.

The Board of Lerwick Port Authority will seek to continuously improve the Authority's environmental performance by ensuring: -

- the EMS is regularly reviewed and audited, specifying and publishing both its Environmental Aspects and Impacts and its Objectives and Targets for a programme of continuous improvement, clearly focusing on the activities that have significant impact on the environment;
- by performing a regular management review of this Environmental Policy Statement, to ensure its suitability and effectiveness in achieving its Environmental Objectives and Targets;
- it works to prevent environmental damage and maintain a high level of contingency planning and staff training to reduce the effects of incidents within the port, with particular reference to oil pollution and waste control;
- environmental performance is reported annually, and through effective communication, all staff, shipping agents, contractors, port users, tenants and members of the public are aware of the Authority's environmental policy and commitments;
- working with all relevant parties to reduce resource consumption and to encourage improved environmental performance.

The Board of Lerwick Port Authority is committed to continuous improvement in the Authority's performance, in its use of resources to accomplish them, and to ISO 14001:2004 environmental standard.