

# Sustainability Policy



**Tower Bridge is London's defining landmark and one of the most recognisable structures in the world. It is an operational bridge, visitor attraction and event venue.**

**Our actions have an impact on the environment and the local community. As such, we are taking steps to place sustainability at the heart of everything we do in order to support the local and global efforts for sustainable working and living.**

## What is sustainability

We understand *sustainability* to be a way of human living and development that “meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (United Nations, *Our Common Future report*, 1987).

## Underlying Context

Tower Bridge is managed by the City of London Corporation via City Bridge Foundation.

As such, this policy adheres to the City Corporation's *Climate Action* and *Responsible Business* strategies, the *corporate goals* and the City Bridge Foundation's *Bridging London strategy*.

## Policy Implementation and Monitoring

The policy will be implemented and monitored by the members of Tower Bridge Green Team and Tower Bridge Management Group.

## Policy Review and Approval

The policy will be reviewed annually by Tower Bridge Green Team.

Any changes or additions to the policy will be approved by Tower Bridge Management Group.

## Our Approach

To support the environmental, social and economic aspects of sustainability, we will:



### Promote awareness of sustainability

- sustainability awareness training is mandatory for all staff
- sustainability awareness resources and feedback channels are available to visitors and residents
- sustainable practices and requirements are communicated to our partners
- seek sustainability advice and support from corporate colleagues and external partners
- develop and deliver sustainability awareness activities for visitors and learners
- create opportunities for our staff to participate in social and environmental volunteering activities.



### Minimise waste

- promote the principles of circular economy (repair, reuse, refurbish, recycle)
- remove single use plastics from our operations
- implement a consistent waste management system on our premises.



### Reduce energy and water consumption

- expand the use of energy saving devices and installations on our premises
- monitor energy consumption to identify high usage activities and saving opportunities
- *switch off if not in use* policy.



### Reduce our carbon footprint

- provide cycle parking for staff, contractors and visitors
- encourage the use of corporate bike and season ticket loan schemes
- encourage the use of public transport, cycling, walking and car sharing
- prioritise the use of clean energy from energy suppliers
- purchase low energy and energy saving consumption products and installations
- purchase local goods and services
- encourage online meetings.



### Procure goods and services responsibly

- consider sustainable credentials and the ethical treatment of people throughout our supply chains
- support small and medium sized businesses by contracting, hiring and purchasing locally
- purchase recycled materials, fair trade goods, eco-cleaning products.