



ENERGY POLICY

Policy Title

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Section 1 – Policy Intentions

1.1 - *Gloucestershire Constabulary is committed to responsible energy management and will practice energy efficiency and environmental care throughout all of its premises, plant and equipment.*

This policy should be read in conjunction with the Gloucestershire Constabulary [Environmental Management Policy](#).

1.2 - This document outlines the policy and procedures for the successful management and implementation of Gloucestershire Constabulary's Energy Policy within all its properties

Section 1 – Policy wording

Gloucestershire Constabulary, commits itself to conserve energy and water and to protect the environment in its provision and use of premises, in line with government strategies for Climate Change and Force policies without compromising operational efficiency.

In order to achieve this, Gloucestershire Constabulary undertakes, wherever feasible, the following:

(a) To improve the energy efficiency of its buildings by all appropriate and cost-effective methods, within available funds.

(b) To seek to improve the thermal performance of new buildings and refurbishment of existing building by setting standards of construction in excess of regulatory requirements, where financial constraints permit to reduce CO2 emissions

(c) To monitor and appraise the market for fuel and water purchase so as to obtain the best possible competitive prices consistent with item 3.3.2j of this policy.

(d) Through awareness, inform and encourage all Gloucestershire Constabulary staff to conserve energy and water and to act in accordance with the Constabulary's Energy Policy.

(e) To reduce the amount of pollution, particularly CO₂ emissions caused by the activities of the Constabulary and its use of energy, in order to meet the Government's national based targets.

(f) To keep all plant and equipment regularly serviced and properly adjusted for optimum fuel and water efficiency.

(h) To encourage the use of energy-efficient and environmentally sound appliances and equipment in premises.



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- (i) To support and encourage participation of the Constabulary's employees in training, seminars and other events whose aims are consistent with the Constabulary's Energy Policy and Environmental Management Policy.
- (j) To purchase energy, building materials, plant and equipment which are produced from renewable resources, so far as it is practicable and economically acceptable, to reduce wherever possible our dependence on fossil fuels.
- (k) The Estate Management Strategy holder will, in consultation with the Facilities and Environmental Manager, ensure that all new buildings and refurbishment of existing buildings will conform to the principles of sustainable development and minimise adverse impacts on the environment.
- (l) To promote energy awareness by maintaining and updating the Environmental intranet site.

Section 2 – Procedural guides

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable

- ◆ Functional responsibilities for Estates.
- ◆ Oversee implementation of policy

Facilities and Environmental Manager

- ◆ Ensure maintenance and legality of policy.
- ◆ Implementation of this Policy
- ◆ Manage energy consumption by monitoring, measuring, auditing, targeting, and reporting.
- ◆ Ensure compliance with legislation
- ◆ Initiate, implement and update the Carbon Management Plan.
- ◆ Networking and sharing best practice with partner agencies
- ◆ Work with partners in shared premises to identify and implement energy reduction initiatives and promote energy efficiency
- ◆ Work with premises managers to identify, secure funding and implement energy reduction initiatives
- ◆ Work with Communications and Engagement Department to actively promote energy efficiency

Strategic leaders

will accept responsibility for:

- ◆ Overseeing the implementation of this policy in their specific areas of responsibility
- ◆ Ensuring that any equipment or facilities that are put in place to protect the environment are properly used and maintained
- ◆ Encouraging and motivating their staff to take an active and enthusiastic interest in energy saving initiatives



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Section 3 - Relevant Legislation: (*Human rights/diversity/Health & Safety/any other specifics*)

The following Acts and Regulations place on the Constabulary specific responsibilities in defined areas.

- ◆ **The Environmental Protection Act 1990**

- ◆ **The Environmental Act 1995**

These Acts cover many aspects of environmental protection, disposal of waste, contamination etc, most of which have little current impact on premises matters. Of particular interest, however, is the adoption of the "Polluter Pays" principle, which places on the polluter the duty to rectify the problem. Where the polluter cannot be found, the responsibility passes to the owner or occupier of the premises or land.

- ◆ **The Building Regulations**

The technical requirements of these Regulations apply to Police Buildings (ref. Police Buildings Design Guide Section B2 1.0.1.). These set minimum standards for the insulation of buildings, heating and lighting controls and ventilation and are thus a starting point for the construction of energy-efficient buildings.

- ◆ **The Energy Performance of Buildings Regulations 2007**

- ◆ **Police Building Design Guide, published by Home Office F1 Division.**

- ◆ **The Water Supply Bylaws**

These deal with such matters as water quality, storage and its efficient use.

- ◆ **Energy Acts 1976 & 1981**

- ◆ **Climate Change Act 2008**

- ◆ **Carbon reduction energy efficiency scheme**

- ◆ **Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999**

Relate to new plumbing installations and fittings. Prevent the waste of, and contamination of water supplies

- ◆ **Gloucestershire Constabulary Carbon Management Plan**

Section 4 - Related References:

- ◆ **Gloucestershire Constabulary Environmental Management Policy.**

- ◆ **Police Buildings Design Guide, Home Office, F1 Division.**

- ◆ **"The Building Regulations" HMSO 1995, and revisions.**

- ◆ **Building Research Establishment (BRE) – "Thermal Insulation: Avoiding Risks", HMSO 1994 and revisions**

Section 5 - Identification, Monitoring and Review

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Facilities and Environmental Manager

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