

**CLEAR FUTURES**

# Sustainability Policy



# Statement

## **Clear Futures is committed to promoting sustainability and positive environmental impact.**

Clear Futures is a contractual joint venture between the public and private sectors, established to strategically identify, develop and deliver a diverse range of projects and services with strong embedded energy and sustainability themes. Our approach creates opportunities for multiple public, private and third sector organisations to strategically collaborate, plan and deliver improved aggregated outcomes.

*“Clear leadership is needed, right across Government, with delivery in partnership with businesses and communities”* – Climate Change Commission, Roadmap to Net Zero (2020).

## Policy background

In 2019 the UK Government declared an environment and climate change emergency, setting in law a target to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. The Scottish Government and many Local Authorities across the UK have set even more ambitious targets to reach net zero by 2030.

The political support for climate change action highlights a significant step forward in tackling the climate crisis and safeguarding lives, livelihoods and nature for future generations – and Clear Futures recognises the importance of taking decisive action now.

Our Sustainability Policy sets out how we will support targets and the key outcomes we will deliver.

### **Our commitment**

Clear Futures will work with our public sector customers and partners to deliver projects and services that support the sustainable development of communities and environments. We will strive to deliver outcomes that positively impact our environment and natural resources in a sustainable way to support the transition to a low carbon economy.

## Aims

- Build a low carbon and sustainable society that lives within the planet's resources.
- Drive innovation to accelerate change and prosperity.
- Address the sustainability challenges of energy, food, transport, waste, water and climate change resilience.
- Reach carbon neutrality as an organisation by 2030.
- Support green skills and employability opportunities.
- Encourage behaviours and attitudes that promote sustainability and the green agenda.
- Develop and deliver infrastructure projects in the UK that serve its communities and environments in a sustainable and responsible way.
- Deliver projects or services that promote positive environmental impact and minimum emissions, as well as those that contribute towards the acceleration of the UK's roadmap to net zero.

# Measurement and reporting

We are committed to continuously improving our environmental performance and monitor progress against key KPIs on a regular basis. We aim to prevent and reduce our impact on the environment as much as practically possible and comply, if not exceed, relevant environmental legislation. This is measured and reported in our annual reports and reviewed by the executive management team to ensure we are delivering on our commitments.

## Clear Futures: how we plan to meet our commitments

- Provide enhanced 'energy and sustainability' services by increasing the scale of joint service working and integration between public and private sector organisations through an integrated and collaborative partnership approach.
- Deliver sustained programme of joint asset management and investment into energy and sustainability services, facilities and developments so that more services are provided locally.
- Deliver facilities for energy and sustainability services that meet public sector policy objectives for design quality and sustainability.
- Facilitate and improve the level of stakeholder engagement in the planning of services and development of facilities for energy and sustainability services.
- Through our decarbonisation offer we will support the public sector on their roadmap to net zero by providing a delivery route and model for decarbonisation projects, from policy developing through to green infrastructure project delivery.
- All projects and services are developed with specific KPIs and targets to minimise negative environmental outputs and promote positive impact.
- Sustainability outcomes are considered and agreed at the beginning of each project and service development with the participant to ensure successful delivery. Within our project development phases, we focus on sustainability and social value within the design element to ensure consideration at the definition phase.
- Share and exchange knowledge within our partnerships to deliver national policy targets into project and local outcomes, such as the public sector estate decarbonisation scheme and targets.
- Work closely with our supply chain partners to ensure they understand the importance of social value and sustainability so the best results possible are delivered.

## Policy responsibility

Charlotte Cordingley, CEO, is responsible for ensuring the delivery of sustainable environmental outcomes on behalf of the Clear Futures Joint Venture. They are accountable to the Joint Venture Steering Board that meets annually to review performance and progress.

Our policies are reviewed annually to ensure they are up-to-date and relevant in our constantly changing and diverse environments and markets. We value the importance of reflection and lessons learned to develop best practices and update our policies to reflect any necessary updates.

# Supporting resources

[The Green Book and accompanying guidance and documents - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-green-book)

[Public Services \(Social Value\) Act 2012 \(legislation.gov.uk\)](https://legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/15)

[Thrive Portal](https://www.thriveportal.org/)

[National TOMs - Social Value Portal](https://www.nationaltomportal.org/)

[The 17 Goals | Sustainable Development \(un.org\)](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/)

[Climate Change Committee \(theccc.org.uk\)](https://www.theccc.org.uk/)

[UK enshrines new target in law to slash emissions by 78% by 2035 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/uk-enshrines-new-target-in-law-to-slash-emissions-by-78-by-2035)