



# Zero Waste Scotland Environmental Policy

Zero Waste Scotland's mission is to lead Scotland toward a more circular and sustainable future in which materials and products are produced and consumed responsibly, and the value of energy and waste is maximised.

As part of our mission, we will lead by example to minimise both the direct and indirect environmental impacts of our business and our supply chain. To do so, our activities and operations will be guided by our Net-Zero Plan, which we will continuously update to reflect best environmental practice.

Our approach to net-zero is premised on five key principles:

1. It must be evidence-led
2. It must achieve absolute emissions reductions
3. It must prioritise emissions reductions over offsets
4. It must go beyond net zero to take responsibility for our whole carbon footprint
5. To accelerate change, we must share our successes and failures

Alongside our Net-Zero Plan, Zero Waste Scotland has adopted the following Environmental Policy.

We will:

- comply with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and any other requirements to which ZWS subscribes;
- prevent pollution by controlling emissions to the environment;
- make more effective use of resources, in line with the waste hierarchy;
- pursue activities which minimise waste and maximise greenhouse gas emissions reductions;
- ensure projects and contracts we are involved in assess environmental risks and comply with our Environmental Policy and Net-Zero Plan wherever practicable;
- ensure that, where possible, circular economy and wider sustainability principles are incorporated into our procurement of goods and services;
- maintain our ISO14001 certified management system to implement our Environmental Policy and deliver continual improvement;
- review our Environmental Policy and Net-Zero Plan annually and set new objectives and targets;
- ensure those working for and on behalf of the organisation understand and comply with our Environmental Policy and Net-Zero Plan.

In addition, Zero Waste Scotland encourages its staff to be environmentally responsible in their personal lives and may support initiatives by individuals that contribute to its mission.

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The Zero Waste Scotland Environmental Policy is publicly available.

Iain Gulland  
Chief Executive, Zero Waste Scotland

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