



# ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Working together to create environmental sustainability and enhancement

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# SCAPE Environmental Policy Statement

## Policy scope

Our Environmental Policy is applicable to SCAPE Group (SCAPE), including all subsidiary companies, joint ventures and partnerships. This includes, but is not limited to:

- SCAPE Procure Limited
- SCAPE Procure Scotland Limited
- SCAPE Venture Limited
- Lungfish Architects
- Arc Property Services Partnership Limited
- Construction Waste Portal Limited

## SCAPE's policy framework

Our Environmental Policy forms part of our overall Sustainability policy framework.



## Purpose

This policy sets out how SCAPE will ensure that Environmental Sustainability and Improvement is embedded throughout our operations, selected for and performance managed in our supply chains and promoted to wider industry.

The objectives of this policy are to:

- Define the standards and behaviours SCAPE expects of its organisation and its people, in the way in which the services offered by SCAPE are planned, managed and delivered
- Articulate why the environment is important to SCAPE and how its effective management adds real benefit to the communities SCAPE serves, setting out our organisation's commitments
- Establish a position of thought leadership in respect of environmental outcomes, helping to positively influence the attitudes and behaviours of those engaged in the built environment sector
- Set out environmental expectations of our framework delivery partners and their supply chains as new frameworks are procured and collaborative relationships are entered into for delivering public services



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## Policy background

**We face a worldwide Climate and Ecological Emergency.**

SCAPE recognises the compelling world-wide scientific consensus for the existence of man-made climate change and the catastrophic consequences of a failure to act for ecosystems and communities. A climate emergency has been declared by the UK parliament, by most local authorities and regionally devolved administrations and is recognised extensively by the wider UK public sector.

As a specialist in the sector, we acknowledge the central role the built environment industry must play in the UK's journey towards a low carbon and more sustainable future. The built environment sector accounts for around 40% of the UK's carbon emissions (2018 analysis).

**We recognise the need to provide services which assist our clients, including many in the UK public sector, in achieving their environmental ambitions.**

Infrastructure and building projects are already delivered in a regulatory context which requires consideration of the natural environment throughout the lifecycle of built assets including the UK's commitment to reaching net-zero carbon by 2050 embedded in the 2008 Climate Change Act. Our public sector owners and clients expect urgent action, above and beyond these regulatory minimums.

**We recognise our responsibility to provide leadership for industry and to our clients.** SCAPE is a member of the UK Green Building Council and acts in a role as a central purchasing body for hundreds of UK public sector organisations, meaning we have the capacity to influence industry behaviours and approaches.

**We recognise our responsibility to provide our clients and communities with built environment solutions that conserve and enhance natural resources and minimise pollution, water usage and waste.**



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## Delivering environmental protection and enhancement

SCAPE's service offering is a catalyst for environmental action, through the professional advice made available, the physical assets it helps to create and maintain, the services it facilitates and the communities it helps.

SCAPE not only offers clients the opportunity to secure environmental protection and enhancement, but ensures this is consistently achieved through rigorous performance management.

SCAPE delivers services directly, through the work of our own specialist subsidiaries and joint ventures, and indirectly, through our framework delivery partners as well as thought leadership, which helps to shape how clients think about the environment.

This Environmental Policy has significant influence in four main areas:

- In **setting objectives for delivery** (in procurement or for delivery of programmes and projects) to establish a common standard of outcomes, and to ensure environmental considerations are given in every service offered by SCAPE
- In the **specification of services**, both those delivered directly and through procurement; ensuring environmental outcomes influence the choices of materials, methods, and resourcing for every project
- In **performance management** activity as projects and services are delivered, ensuring environmental measures are consistently captured and that the data is used pro-actively
- In **reporting progress and celebrating success**; ensuring our clients are notified and satisfied, and the communities who benefit can recognise what has been achieved

## Our environmental commitments:

SCAPE will ensure that:

- Environmental objectives form an integral part of our strategy, business planning and decision making
- All our employees understand our environmental policy and priorities, and how these are relevant to their day to day work
- Our workforce management practices reflect our environmental principles
- Environmental considerations are embedded within all specification and procurement activity
- Environmental performance measurement is used as part of our performance management approach for every service we offer, developing a suite of reportable performance measures, ensuring the measures we use are:
  - Relevant to our clients and the communities they serve
  - Proportionate and consistent for all parts of the supply chain to apply
  - Science-based and robust enough to secure continuous improvement in the delivery of services

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## Strategic targets and action plan:

SCAPE will act to ensure **our operations are net carbon zero by 2028**, matching the most demanding targets of our public sector owners.

We will seek to **deliver, and procure through our framework partners and supply chains, services that can match the environmental objectives of our most ambitious clients.**

We will:

- **Identify and recommend the standards and measures from industry that support low carbon and environmentally sustainable outcomes**
- **Monitor and report on environmental performance and improvement, on every project and across our frameworks**
- **Enable access to services that can, when required, support the decarbonisation of the UK built environment, and specifically procure a supply chain that can deliver buildings in the following manner through the use of the UKGBC “Net Zero Carbon Buildings: A Framework Definition”**
  - **Enable new building designs that are net carbon zero as early as 2021 and promote the adoption of this design approach towards all new-build projects by 2025**
  - **Enable construction of new buildings that are net carbon zero in operation as early as 2022, and promote this standard for all new construction by 2030**
  - **Enable retrofit, refurbishment and adaption of existing buildings that delivers the highest possible performance and minimises operational carbon**
  - **Enable the lowest possible environmental impacts from all construction activity on every project; minimising embodied carbon**

We will, through industry partnerships and through our own campaigning, promote:

- **The adoption of consistent science-based environmental performance targets and approaches**
- **Circular economics and whole life-cycle considerations to our clients and our supply chain**
- **Good practice and innovation that reduces carbon and waste and minimises water use**
- **The elimination of avoidable air, ground and water pollution, and single use plastics from construction**
- **A continuing net positive impact on UK biodiversity in all projects we facilitate or deliver**

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## Measurement and reporting on progress

We will develop and maintain a dynamic Sustainability Action Plan, which will include our environmental objectives alongside other considerations.

Within the action plan we will baseline our organisational performance, and measure progress towards our internal objectives annually. We will also gather evidence and report on progress in our promotional activities identified.

Progress will be reported as part of our annual performance reporting to the Group Board of Directors.

## Policy responsibilities

The SCAPE chief executive is responsible for this policy, and for ensuring this policy is reviewed periodically.

The Executive Leadership Team is responsible for ensuring this policy is implemented and that systems and processes are developed and monitored. All line managers are responsible for ensuring that all employees are aware of their responsibilities under the policy and that it is fully implemented throughout their department.

All staff (including employees, volunteers, contractors and consultants) have a responsibility to comply with this policy.

The director for performance and improvement, is responsible for updating, promoting and ensuring compliance with the policy.



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