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Policy Title:	Environmental Sustainability Policy (ES0001) Policing in a changing natural environment and low carbon economy
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Business Lead:	Energy and Sustainability Manager
CCMT sponsor:	Deputy Chief Constable
OPCC Sponsor:	Deputy Chief Executive

Thames Valley Police ensures that all policies have been assessed and comply with MoPI Guidance, and the Data Protection Act 2018. In addition, this Policy has been reviewed by the Health and Safety Governance Board and has undergone an Equality Impact Assessment.

1.0 About this Policy

OPCC and TVP recognise that the natural environment within which we operate is changing. This is leading to changes in legislation, technologies, global economies, criminology, natural disasters, and the communities we serve.

As organisations we want to ensure we are transformative and resilient. We need to ensure we can respond to opportunities, improve efficiencies, reduce costs and support policing aims and our communities, now and into the future.

2.0 Statement of Policy

2.1 OPCC and TVP will undertake the following to ensure we are prepared and resilient in the face of change;

- Understand how our people, our operations, our organisations and our partners are impacted. Explore the unique role that a Policing body has within the context of this policy, and the most effective ways we can support our community during this transition.
- Understand our risk appetite for this area and identify and manage risk and opportunities.

- Set out a strategy for our priorities;
 - Transition - prepared and adaptive
 - Resilience – operational and financial
 - Assets – buildings, fleet, ICT, procurement, materials and natural capital
- The strategy will be supported by; governance, assurance, objectives, targets, delivery plans, monitoring, reporting, skills, resourcing and communication to embed this area to benefit us as a force and the community we serve.
- Embed consideration of environmental change and environmental sustainability into wider organisational decision making.
- Deliver projects which lead to financial savings, operational efficiencies or direct benefits to policing, whilst also supporting this area.
- Build an understanding of policing operations, demand, incidents and crime and links to the environment such as weather conditions.
- Recognise policing outcomes which support this area including through our rural crime task force.
- Work towards innovation and leadership for this area; seeking to collaborate and share findings within the Blue Light family and Thames Valley community.

OPCC and TVP will also

- Support trust and confidence through transparency and clarity in setting objectives and reporting against them.
- Explore the ethics of a policing body, public body and public funded organisation in setting priorities within this complex area.

3.0 Human Rights Articles Engaged

There are no direct articles engaged. The relationship between areas considered by this policy and human rights are set out in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). The Force shall consider the SDGs as part of the wider EMS work.

4.0 Health and Safety at Work

There are strong crossovers with Health & Safety in some areas. Cross-reporting and close working shall be required for these areas. The governance arrangements for the EMS shall reflect this interplay.

5.0 Communications, Challenges and Representations

5.1 Communication

This Policy document shall be actively communicated across TVP. All line managers shall support communication of this policy to their staff. The Policy shall be published in the Policies & Procedures section of the TVP intranet as well as in the Property Services departmental section. The internal audience includes individuals working in joint TVP/Hampshire IOW Constabulary operations.

5.2 Challenges and representation

Any challenges or representations in respect of the contents of this policy should be directed to:

The Energy and Sustainability Manager
Thames Valley Police
Oxford Road
Kidlington, OX5 2HX

6.0 Review Date

August 2027

7.0 Related Guidance

N/A

8.0 Freedom of information

This document is suitable for publication.

9.0 Government Security Classification Policy

Official

10.0 Relevant Supporting information