

# CIEH Environmental policy

The CIEH is one of the world's leading environmental and public health organisations. A key part of our work is to advocate and campaign on key environmental health issues. As one of the world's leading professional bodies for environmental health, we fully recognise the threats, challenges and opportunities that climate change presents. The Climate Emergency is not just an environmental emergency. It is a public health emergency.

We believe that there are two clear areas where we must contribute towards meeting the challenges in averting and/or mitigating this emergency.

1. **Ensuring that how we operate as an organisation reduces our environmental impacts as far as is reasonably practical and that CIEH reaches net zero carbon emissions by 2030**

We will achieve this by:

- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation affecting our operations, including any buildings we occupy
- Ensuring we comply with any licence requirements for our buildings to avoid causing environmental noise or other nuisance to our neighbours

In addition to complying with all relevant environmental legislation, we will further commit to

- Facilitating remote working for our staff wherever possible to minimise our environmental impacts
- Supporting and encouraging staff to reduce the environmental impacts of their own homes
- Maintaining a virtual meeting policy to reduce environmental impacts through unnecessary travel
- Improving resource consumption efficiency within the organisation by continually reducing the use of energy and water in our buildings
- Minimising waste in our buildings by reduction, re-use and recycling
- Implementing a travel policy which supports and promotes the use of the most environmentally sustainable modes of transport
- Procuring goods and services as far as possible from suppliers who can demonstrate sound environmental credentials

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- Setting appropriate targets for reducing our significant environmental impacts
- Ensuring a culture of continual improvement
- Reporting on our operations and the impact of our activities on our organisation, humankind and the natural environment

This environmental policy will be regularly reviewed as part of our environmental management programme.

Signed:

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**Dr Phil James** Chief Executive  
Chartered Institute of Environmental Health

## 2. **Working to ensure that our members can maximise the professional contributions that they can make within businesses and communities**

Environmental Health Practitioners are qualified and trained to understand the inextricable linkages between the natural and built environments and the health and well-being of people. They have opportunities, skills and knowledge that if properly harnessed can make a significant contribution towards meeting the challenges ahead.

We will:

- Engage with our members and key stakeholders to determine opportunities for such contribution
- Develop tools and resources that facilitate and support such engagement