

1.1.1 FSS Environmental Policy

Food Standards Scotland (FSS) acknowledges the requirements placed upon it through the Climate Change (Scotland) Act (2009) and associated legislation. FSS aims to perform, as a minimum, to the standards required within this legislation and any associated targets towards net-zero.

To this end, we will follow existing best practice and aim for continual improvement to ensure the environmental impact relative to our organisation is minimised.

The Senior Leadership Team will ensure that the environmental impact of our functions is regarded as a key consideration. We will develop overarching environmental objectives to support the delivery of our business and will ensure resources are provided to allow environmental due diligence to be suitably considered in all FSS' undertakings.

To this end, FSS shall;

- Minimise waste by evaluating all functions to ensure they are as efficient as possible.
- Minimise direct atmospheric emissions through selection of travel and energy service providers, fleet car composition and implementing the FSS Transport Hierarchy.
- Actively promote recycling, energy efficiency and waste management using internal communication, procurement activities and contractor management.
- Prioritise and communicate environmental matters to ensure a level of understanding and accountability is shared across the workforce.
- Monitor and report all applicable environmental performance metrics to the regulatory authorities and other stakeholder groups.
- Develop programmes and schedules towards continual improvement on environmental performance.
- Actively engage with other parties to develop programmes of work with a focus on net-zero progressive targets.

The FSS Environmental Policy is available on Saltire and will be kept under review as a minimum on an annual basis.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Ogle', written in a cursive style.

Geoff Ogle

Chief Executive

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