ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY STATEMENT

The Port of Blyth's objective and aim is to maintain a balance between the commercial, recreational and environmental interests within the ports statutory harbour limits and areas within its jurisdiction, ensuring a sustainable and commercially viable trust port.

Blyth Harbour Commission is committed to the continuous improvement of its environmental performance by fulfilling duties relating to conservation, regulation and enhancement of Blyth Harbour whilst complying with all relevant UK, European and international legislation.

In implementing this policy, Blyth Harbour Commission shall ensure the following:

1. Environmental Management

- Endorse the principles contained in the European Sea Ports Organisations Environmental Code of Practice and shall adopt best practice from ISO 14001 Environmental standard
- Assess, control and mitigate environmental risk for all port operations
- Conduct regular environmental reviews and audits to identify areas for improvement
- Ensure environmental sustainability is a key consideration within the ports procurement policy for the business
- Record and report all significant environmental occurrences
- Publish environmental performance within an annual review

2. Resource Management

- Continue to monitor and where possible reduce resource consumption
- Seek opportunity to apply innovative technology to reduce emissions and energy consumption

3. Waste Management

 Continue to assess recycling, re-use and waste minimisation opportunities and remain compliant with the MCA Port Waste Management Plan requirements



4. Pollution Prevention & Control

- Continue to develop & implement management controls regarding noise, dust and other potential sources of pollution
- Maintain compliance with the MCA OPRC Oil Spill legislation and maintain a valid, approved Oil Spill Pollution Response plan.

Blyth Harbour Commission will always endeavour to comply with Environmental best practice and review and improve on a continuous basis as necessary.

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