



South Lakes Housing

Environmental Policy Statement

South Lakes Housing is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) which has delegated responsibility for providing housing management and maintenance repairs to the housing stock that belongs to South Lakeland District Council.

The Chief Executive and Board Members of South Lakes Housing, Little Aynam House, Kendal, Cumbria LA9 7AH recognise their responsibility to manage the environmental impact of our activities and services. We have assessed our activities and identified that our significant environmental impacts include fire, travelling costs, electricity, water, paper, and office consumables.

We are working towards: -

Reducing our environmental impact – SLH Business Plan 2011-12

SLH can help deliver government strategy on the sustainable use of resources and reducing the impact of climate change on the environment. We have achieved carbon reductions, looking particularly at the greenhouse gases emitted by staff use of vehicles for maintenance and tenancy management. This includes reducing mileage, increasing “productivity per mile” and more use of IT for remote working and home working. Asset management will also contribute such as through the closure of under utilised office space and investment in energy conservation through the Decent Homes Programme and other maintenance work. We are involving tenants too in energy conservation through the free promotion of water and energy conserving devices.

SLH already has attained the Retained Gold award from Cumbria Business Environment network for improvement in our business systems for energy conservation and recycling. We aim to research and utilise funding available to assist in achieving these tasks.

We will also have regard to the following documents and strategies for the District and County:-

South Lakes Housing - Delivery Plan 2011/12 – To deliver low carbon technologies for rural areas and older persons housing.

South Lakeland District Council – Carbon Management Plan

The Carbon Reduction Plan is projected to deliver annual carbon savings of 1315 tonnes CO2 by March 2013, with a cumulative saving of 3443 tonnes CO2 by March 2013.

Cumbria Climate Change Strategy - 0.4 tons per person is the commitment for the County

Local Strategic Partnership - Local Community Strategy - Addressing Climate Change

From January 2010 - Carbon Reduction Commitment - UK wide scheme will have an impact

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