



South Lakes Housing

Environmental Policy Statement

South Lakes Housing is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) which has 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 2007-11)

We will review and implement options for reducing our carbon footprint (SLH Delivery Plan)

SLH can help deliver government strategy on the sustainable use of resources and reducing the impact of climate change on the environment. We will produce a carbon-reduction management plan, looking particularly at the greenhouse gasses emitted by staff use of vehicles for maintenance and tenancy management. This will include reducing mileage, increasing “productivity per mile” and more use of IT for remote working, closure of under utilised office space and home working. Asset management of the housing stock will also contribute including investment in energy conservation through the Decent Homes improvement programme and other maintenance work.

We are involving tenants too in energy conservation through the free promotion of water and energy conserving devices donated by Energy Companies and awareness raising through coffee mornings and other public participation events.

SLH already has attained the **Gold award** from Cumbria Business Environment Network for improvement in our business systems for energy conservation and recycling. We aim to achieve the Retained Gold award for ongoing processes, developing our Environmental Management System and further improvements in recycling and reducing waste. In addition we will develop a green procurement policy. We aim to research and utilise funding available to assist in achieving these tasks.

We are actively working to support South Lakeland District Council and the local strategic partnership in addressing climate change and achieving their target of reduced CO2 emissions by 25% by March 2013 from its 2007/8 baseline.

Title Chief Executive

Name Peter Thomas.

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Signature

Date: 21st September 2009