

LISTER'S POLICY ON SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN ISSUES

A. INTRODUCTION

1. Lister aims to achieve a high standard in promoting and implementing sustainability in its operations. It aims to promote green issues within its local community and support such initiatives in the wider community. Lister aims to promote energy efficiency, recycling and efficient use of transport systems at work and by its tenants.

B. ENERGY EFFICIENCY

1. Lister aims to ensure its properties achieve high degrees of energy efficiency, bearing in mind their Listed status, their location in a Conservation Area/World Heritage Area, and the costs of improvements in relation to its finances and resources.
2. Lister has signed up for and will promote the City of Edinburgh Affordable Warmth Strategy, and will attempt to maximise the grant that can be levered in for projects at Lister. Where appropriate Lister will use its finances to match grant funding for those eligible.
3. Lister aims to meet and where possible exceed the Scottish Housing Quality Standard (SHQS) in respect of energy efficiency and to meet where possible the EESSH (Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing).
4. Lister aims to promote good energy efficiency by its tenants and assist with providing information and advice where appropriate.
5. Lister aims to install high efficiency central heating systems with controls to assist tenants to control their heating and keep the systems well maintained.

C. RECYCLING

1. Lister aims to promote recycling by its tenants and will support measures by itself and others to encourage such use.
2. The Lister office will continue to recycle paper, glass, plastic and any other items where possible and appropriate, including passing things on to charity shops, etc. We try and increase our usage of recycled paper and similar such products.

D. TRANSPORT

1. Lister supports the use of public transport and will promote such use amongst its workforce and tenants. Lister will support initiatives linked to this aim, and suitable projects such as Car Clubs, car sharing, cycle paths etc. Lister supports measures to reduce vehicle usage in central Edinburgh, to reduce the adverse impacts of vehicle traffic in respect of pollution, noise, road safety, and a better environment for pedestrians and cyclists.

E. REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE

1. Lister will aim to use products from sustainable sources in its repair and maintenance of its properties and office. Where tropical hardwoods require to be used to match existing materials / because of performance requirements, then Lister aims to use timber accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council.

2. Lister aims to support local firms and products in the provision of repairs services.
3. For major improvement / replacement work, Lister aims to evaluate options for material usage and energy consumption so as to install products to give better sustainability over the long term. Where appropriate life cycle costing will be used with these factors built in.

F. ENVIRONMENT AND THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

1. Lister will continue to maintain and promote its communal back greens and front gardens / landscaped areas, to create a high quality pleasant environment for human recreation, and for wildlife - birds, insects, butterflies...everything except the midge and other biting insects.
2. Lister will support community initiative on green / sustainability issues.

G. CONSULTATION, MONITORING AND REVIEW

1. Lister will consult with its tenants on this policy and subsequent reviews. Lister shall promote this policy amongst the wider community.
2. At regular intervals Lister shall monitor progress on this policy and review it.

H. ACTION PLAN

1. To consult with tenants over this policy; to refer feedback to the Management Committee and then to publicise the finalised policy.
2. To start a list of activities which comply with the policy, to promote the positive aspects of Lister's activities. To study those activities which could be improved / amended to better comply.
3. To publicise and promote the Affordable Warmth strategy.
4. To monitor and review this policy at regular intervals.

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