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## DC Environmental Policy

### 1. Introduction

As an expression of responsible corporate citizenship, we are committed to improving our environmental performance so far as it is practicable to do so. That performance includes the minimisation of the less-easily perceived adverse environmental impacts of our activities, through, for example, transport planning, reduction of energy and water consumption, and the management of waste. We recognise that our environmental performance concerns not only the impacts of our activities in and around our business premises, but also the impacts of, for example, national and international travel for company purposes, and its management of any land or buildings that it owns for investment purposes.

It is the society's policy to comply fully with the requirements of environmental legislation and advisory codes of practice having official status. We will, however, exceed these requirements insofar as it is practicable for it to do so and there would be definite environmental benefits.

As a consortium co-operative whose work is undertaken by a network of members, there is much that operationally we cannot fully control across the delivery of our work. As such it is a requirement of membership that all organisations delivering on our behalf have a robust and deliverable Environmental Policy of their own.

The specific environmental policies of the society, along with their related detailed targets and performance indicators, are as follows:

- To minimize the amount of travel on company business through efficient time-management and the use of ICT. This includes conducting as much business as possible remotely and through digital communications in order to minimise the need for members to travel to meetings.
- To minimise the use of paper and other resources through digital filing of all paperwork and providing clear access to digital files to all of our members.
- To consider future purchasing of technology with reduced environmental impacts, in order to encourage such products onto the market.
- Progressively to increase the number of standard contracts negotiated (or re-negotiated) with environmental/sustainability issues in mind.
- Progressively to increase the proportion of purchases taking environmental issues into account.
- To ensure any investments in other companies are limited to those following environmental policies in line with our own.

### 2. Implementation

This policy applies to all bodies under the control of the society. In addition, the society will take steps to ensure that its members implement it, where it is relevant and practicable for them to do so, and to take action which is consistent with the policy, by informing them of the policy and targets and providing appropriate advice to them.