

Whitstable Harbour

Environmental Protection Policy

Canterbury City Council is committed to ensuring that all activities within the area controlled by the Competent Harbour Authority are carried out in an environmentally sustainable manner. Our goal is to minimise any damage to the environment.

In order to achieve this Canterbury City Council and the responsible Harbour Board will employ the following policies:

- to include environmental considerations in decision making;
- to recognise the need to provide adequate resources to fulfil the responsibilities as directed under this policy;
- to set environmental indicators of performance and objectives for port activities and to review these on a regular basis;
- to implement all reasonable procedures so as to enable activities to be carried out in an environmentally responsible manner;
- to periodically review the ports environmental performance and to take action to improve, based on the results obtained;
- to strive to continually improve the environmental performance of the port;
- to seek to ensure, where appropriate, that staff and contractors are aware of this policy and work in a way that is compatible with good environmental performance and this policy;
- to train relevant staff in or procure personnel with the appropriate skills, to ensure that operations are completed with respect for the environment;
- to require all contractors to carry out their work in accordance with this Environmental Protection policy and to monitor such compliance;
- to communicate with relevant parties about the ports Environmental Protection policy;
- to plan and execute port operations in a manner that reduces risk of environmental damage;

- to comply with all relevant codes of practice of appropriate industry organisations;
- to take all reasonable steps to abide by all applicable environmental laws, regulations, policies, standards and codes of practice;
- to take all reasonable steps to prevent pollution from port activities;
- co-operate with Port Health in all matters relating to the control and elimination of vermin and/or communicable diseases;
- conduct any dredging operations in accordance with MAFF requirements.

Specifically in relation to the maintenance of environmental protection within the Competent Harbour Authority area, Canterbury City Council and the Harbour Board will:

- provide appropriate facilities, and/or arrangements, for the disposal of waste material;
- provide appropriate facilities and/or arrangements for the collection and disposal of oil and oily water residues;
- maintain an effective Port Waste Management Plan;
- maintain an effective Port Health Management Plan;
- maintain an effective Oil Spill Contingency Plan;
- co-operate effectively with the Environmental Agency, English Nature and any other responsible authority with an interest in preservation of the environment;
- take such action as is appropriate to prevent others operating within the Competent Harbour Authority area from causing damage to the environment;
- require all contractors working within the port limits apply an Environmental Protection Policy consistent with its own.