

Aberdeen Taxis Ltd

Environmental Policy Statement

Aberdeen Taxis Ltd is an environmentally responsible organisation and as such we acknowledge the potential impact that our taxi transportation operations may have on the environment.

This policy has been endorsed by the Board of Directors, namely Gavin Johnston and Paul Thatcher, who give their full support to its implementation. The Board of Directors in co-ordination with the environmental champions, Assistant Manager, Helena Macleod and Office Manager, Sharon Scott are responsible for ensuring that it is communicated, understood, implemented and maintained at all levels within the organisation.

We are committed to the prevention of pollution and continual improvement of our environmental performance. This has been prompted by the Scottish Government's goals to tackle carbon emissions in the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and facilitated through the setting of environmental objectives based on our significant environment aspects. These objectives will be documented, allocated targets and periodically monitored and reviewed through audit programmes. The results of which are communicated throughout the company and to our clients, suppliers, drivers and employees as appropriate.

As an organisation, we are committed to ensuring that we:

- Comply with all environmental legislation, using codes of practice and guidance produced by regulatory bodies and the Scottish Government's 2012 [Taxi & Private Hire Car Licensing: Best Practice for Licensing Authorities](#) Sections 5.13 & 5.14 on Environmental Considerations and Section 8.12 on Environmental Training to assist where appropriate.
- Provide all drivers and employees with the necessary resources, equipment, information, instruction and training to fulfill the requirements of this policy, commensurate with their role.
- Work towards and maintain an informal environmental management system based on legal requirements and in accordance with other health and safety and quality procedures.
- Strive to integrate environmental best practice into our business operations by undertaking an environmental audit of our fleet of vehicles and our office accommodation to identify areas of significant environmental impact and seek to address these.
- Prevent pollution to the environment by ensuring that we monitor the fuel efficiency of our vehicles to reduce CO₂ emissions on average by 15% per annum and achieve higher MPG, saving on average 2 months worth of fuel per year
- Achieve lower carbon emissions by encouraging regular vehicle servicing and the through the adoption of smarter driver training initiated by the Scottish Government's Energy Savings Trust Fuel Good programme.
- Reduce our carbon footprint through the use of innovative technology to include automated dispatch of jobs to drivers thus reducing 'dead miles'. By co-ordinating the dispatch of jobs through our driver-led PDA bidding system, the closest GPS signal to the

customer pick-up point is identified thus maximising fuel efficiency and reducing CO₂ emissions

- Ensure that the environmental impact is considered in the procurement of goods and services, particularly when evaluating the lifetime running costs of procuring a new vehicle for our fleet and new taxi and office equipment.
- Minimise waste to landfill by reducing our waste generation and by segregating and recycling waste where economically and operationally feasible. This is achieved by recycling 100% of our paper, cardboard, bottles, cans, glass, batteries and used engine oil from our fleet.
- Use energy, water, materials and other natural resources as efficiently as possible, giving particular regard to the long term sustainability of consumable items. Through evaluation of our environmental audit and have identified a greater need to switch off unneeded lights and install occupancy sensors. Through the implementation of our fully integrated taxi management system and online booking facility, we aim to reduce our use of paper by 50% by emailing customer invoices and printing only where necessary.
- Work together with local businesses and suppliers to encourage commitment and improvement within our local environment.

This policy will be communicated to all drivers and employees working with us and on our behalf. Drivers and employees are expected to co-operate and assist in the implementation of this policy, whilst ensuring that their own work, so far as is reasonably practicable, is carried out without risk to themselves, others, or to the environment.

This policy will be reviewed periodically by the Board of Directors and will be amended where deemed necessary. The next scheduled date for the annual review and re-issue of this policy will be on 1st August 2014.

This policy statement is displayed at Unit 3, 15 Lotland Street, Inverness, IV1 1ST and is publicly available through our website www.aberdeen-taxis.com or can be reasonably requested by any interested party by telephoning 01224 686868.

This policy has been developed with the assistance of RBS Mentor Services.

Signed:

Gavin Johnston

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Managing Director on behalf of Aberdeen Taxis Ltd

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