

## DTI Head Quarter Estate Management Strategy

Government has a responsibility to manage its huge estate sustainably, taking full account of the potentially wide-ranging economic, environmental and social impacts of its actions. This responsibility extends to the management of the built environment and land holdings; to construction and major refurbishment projects; and to disposal of land and buildings.

This Part of the Framework brings together some general environmental issues related to sustainable estates management and complements more specific topics covered in other sections.

DTI HQ's strategy in managing its estate is to follow the guidance set out in the framework for sustainable development on the Government estate.

- i. DTI's HQ estate operates an environmental management system certified to ISO 14001. This manages the measures adopted to address any significant impacts identified.
- ii. DTI is largely a city and office based estate occupying only a fraction of the total government estate, and comprises a leased portfolio.
  - a. The current policy is to reduce the number of buildings DTI occupies, returning those vacated for use by other Government Departments or commerce.
  - b. Should additional accommodation be required then this shall be taken up from Government estate building stock.
  - c. The structural condition of the current DTI occupied building stock is such that there is no plan to undertake any construction or demolition.
  - d. It is clear that vacating space completely and making more efficient use of our core buildings is where we have made the greatest impact and where we have concentrated our main effort & investment to date.
  - e. Reducing our estate in London by well over a third and introducing 8 for 10 flexible desking will generate corresponding reductions in many environmental and energy impacts.
- iii. DTI are cognisant of its obligation to climate change and are working with stakeholders to improve the effects of building operation on the climate.
  - a. The Department includes in estates based procurements environmental management clauses and conditions for suppliers of goods and services to adhere to.
  - b. DTI procure energy from renewable sources where available and will continue to review micro-generation technology for use across the estate.
  - c. Implementation of the Building Regulations Part L legislation – The EU directive on Energy Performance of Buildings.
  - d. DTI has no heritage buildings to manage;
  - e. DTI current estate does not occupy contaminated land, nor does its processes contribute to land contamination.
- iv. DTI HQ is incorporating all other themes and commitments set in the other Parts of the Framework into its management of the estate.