**Environmental Policy Statement**

To assist the commercial prosperity of the Harbour by offering sustainable development by implementing the following environmental policy, with the aim of minimising the environmental impact of operations.

Demonstrate a commitment to reducing the carbon footprint by, where possible, using renewable energy and innovative energy reducing technology.

 Introduce and maintain the use of ‘best practice’ to drive up standards.

Adhere to all legal requirements regarding environmental issues and review the environmental objectives to set realistic targets.

 Contribute and support the EU Habitats and Birds Directive.

Provide staff training and information to staff that regularly update and improve the environmental standards.

Ensure the environmental policy is available and all staff, stakeholders and those working on behalf of the Council are aware of the policy.

Develop a culture of environmental awareness that improves the work practices and encourages staff, visitors, contractors and other stakeholders to be aware of any environmental impact by their actions.

We will include the Environmental Policy on the agenda of all Harbour user group meetings in order to develop a compliance ethic to achieve the desired outcomes.

Promote good waste management by providing information and receptacles that allow for waste to be segregated at the point of disposal.

Develop a culture of reporting that encourages all staff to bring to the attention of the Engineering Director anything that is, or potentially a threat to the environment.

 Regularly monitor the water, electricity, and gas consumption with the aim of checking efficiency and reducing the consumption using alternative methods.

Work with Newry and Mourne District Council to meet objectives for air quality and reduce Harbour emissions.

 Review and audit the Environmental policy to maintain its relevance and effectiveness.