



## The Treasury Solicitor's Department

### GREEN HOUSEKEEPING POLICY STATEMENT

This Statement sets out the policy of the Treasury Solicitor's Department for the use of natural resources and is intended to ensure that full account is taken of environmental issues in the conduct of the Agency's business. This policy statement builds on and supplements the one issued by the Law Officers' Departments recently. Whilst much of the day to day responsibility for the implementation of the policy lies with Facilities Management, **all members of the Agency have a part to play in its successful achievement**, and to this end all staff should be aware of good environmental practice and try to implement it wherever practicable within the course of their day to day work.

This Agency is fully committed to the conservation of natural resources and to preventing pollution. To this end, the Agency will pursue a number of key objectives and fully expects all of its staff to cooperate in helping achieve them.

TSol has made positive steps in working towards meeting the targets of the action plan in 2006/07. We have done by introducing the following:

- 1) Improved recycling procedures for paper and waste, with desk located recycling bins. Plans are afoot to increase the range of recycling facilities to include plastic, glass and cardboard.
- 2) We moved into our New Headquarters in 2005 and the refurbishment achieved a BREEAM rating of "very good". We have continued to improve on this by introducing dual flush systems in our toilets, to reduce the amount of water usage.
- 3) Our Landlord now provides us with combined heat and power energy.
- 4) Improved the management reporting information for recycled waste and energy usage, allowing us to monitor performance throughout the year.
- 5) As we are now in a multi occupied building, we initiated the setting up of a tenant Environmental Working Group, which meets quarterly to work towards achieving common goals across the premises.

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