

Environmental Working Group



Purpose:

The Environmental Working Group exists to provide strategic direction, oversight, and organisational assurance on all matters relating to environmental performance across West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Its core remit, as outlined in the Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2025-28, includes:

- Providing advice and guidance to the Fire Authority on environmental issues in line with WYFRS's ten environmental commitments.
- Monitoring and recording environmental issues arising from operational incidents.
- Reviewing and reducing usage of key utilities (electricity, gas, water) across the Service.
- Overseeing compliance with environmental licensing and legislation.
- Encouraging recycling initiatives and wider environmental awareness among staff.
- Offering a forum for staff to raise environmental concerns.
- Reviewing group membership annually to ensure appropriate representation.

This meeting is therefore both governance-focused and operationally supportive, providing a structured mechanism for environmental monitoring, improvement, and reporting—ultimately feeding into SLT and the Finance & Resources Committee.

- Provide a safe, effective and resilient response to local and national emergencies.
- Focus our activities on reducing risk and vulnerability.
- Enhance the health, safety, and well-being of our people.
- Prioritise a people first mindset through ethical and professional leadership and management.
- Work with partners and communities to deliver our services.
- Use resources in an innovative, sustainable, and efficient manner to maximise value for money.
- Further develop a culture of excellence, equality, learning, and inclusion.

Attendees

Head of Corporate Services- Alison Davey
DC Bradford - GM Benjy Bush
Corporate Service Officer – Bradley Marsden
DC Kirklees – Dale Gardiner
AM Operations Support – Dave Teggart
Head of Finance – Emma Ayrton
Head of Logistics – Glynn Richardson
GM Control – Julie Jowett
Head of Procurement – Kim Larter
Lead DIM officer – Matt Wolski