

## **Environmental Policy**

George Best Belfast City Airport (GBBCA) is a regional airport situated on the south shore of Belfast Lough adjacent to the A2, one of the main arterial routes into the city. GBBCA has grown to become a key gateway to the province, handling nearly 40% of all air traffic to and from Northern Ireland in recent years.

## **Statement of Policy**

Through its programme of sustainable development, GBBCA is committed to achieving a balance between the social and economic benefits of the airport's growth and its environmental impacts. GBBCA will work with all airport 'stakeholders', including statutory authorities, airlines, business partners and the local community to minimise the impact of its operations on the environment and to protect the vital natural services it provides to the airport and wider society.

To achieve these objectives, GBBCA will develop, implement and maintain an Environmental Management System, which focuses on but is not limited to -

- Managing noise
- Minimising energy consumption and carbon emissions
- Minimising waste generation and waste to landfill and ensuring sustainable resource use
- Protecting water quality
- Understanding and addressing impacts on biodiversity and conserving and enhancing biodiversity, where possible

This Environmental Management System provides the framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets. Regular checks and reviews are carried out to ensure the Environmental Management System remains effective.

GBBCA is committed to meeting its compliance obligations, preventing pollution and protecting the environment. GBBCA aims to continually improve its Environmental Management System to enhance its environmental performance through the support and involvement of all its employees, business partners and the wider community.

## **Statement of Authority**

The Environmental Management System is fully supported by the Directors of GBBCA.

The ultimate authority and responsibility on all environmental matters is the airport's Chief Executive. The authority for implementation is delegated to the Environment & Sustainability Manager and relevant departmental managers.

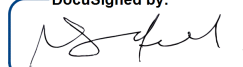
The Environment & Sustainability Manager has the organisational freedom to identify environmental impacts, and develop, co-ordinate, and monitor responses.

**Approved by:**

**Date Agreed:**

Matthew Hall (Chief Executive)

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