

Group Political and Regulatory Engagement Policy

Policy statement

SSE has a policy of maintaining the highest standards of probity and respect in its dealings with regulators, non-departmental public bodies and the institutions of government, recognising their key role in the sector in which SSE operates.

Policy purpose

This policy is to ensure that all of SSE's stakeholders can have confidence in and respect for its approach to regulatory and political engagement.

This policy is owned by the Director of Strategy and Corporate Affairs and is one of a suite of group-level policies that promote a healthy business culture, guide decisions and actions as expected by the company's stakeholders, and make SSE a responsible company that people want to invest in, buy from, work for and partner with.



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POLICY PRINCIPLES

The following principles highlight how we expect the policy statement to be achieved, and should be used to guide behaviours, decision making and action:

Political Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE remains party politically neutral and works constructively with Ministers, elected representatives, officials, regulators and non-departmental public bodies in which it has operations. • SSE maintains the highest standards of probity and transparency in its dealings with government in line with industry best practice and aligns to the codes of conduct that are expected, and in some cases legislated for.
Regulatory Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE makes representations to regulators, non-departmental public bodies and the institutions of government in a fair and balanced way, so that any employee advocating on SSE's behalf must represent its position truthfully and honestly.
Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE does not make any financial contribution to a political party, political campaign or elected representative. SSE employees will not offer or give any financial or other incentive to any person in public life, whether elected, appointed or co-opted, or any connected person or persons, that could be construed in any way as a bribe or solicitation of favour. Employees must also not accept any financial or other incentive, from whatever source, that could be construed in a way as a bribe or solicitation of favour. • Our political engagement policy and procedures are available to all interested parties.