

Group Climate Change Policy

Policy statement

SSE's vision is to be a leading energy company in a zero-carbon world. It seeks to provide the practical solutions for a decarbonised energy sector, reduce the carbon emissions arising from its own business activities (in line with the ambitions set out in the Paris Agreement), and increase the resilience of its business by anticipating and adapting to climate-related impacts.

Policy purpose

This policy outlines SSE's approach to implement actions that mitigate and adapt to the impacts of climate change and ensure that climate-related risks and opportunities are integrated into both strategic and operational decision making.

This policy is owned by the Chief Sustainability Officer 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:

Net Zero	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To support the transition to net zero emissions in the countries in which it operates, SSE will develop, own and operate low-carbon energy assets that support the decarbonisation of the wider economy. • SSE advocates for supportive policy frameworks by working with policy makers and other key stakeholders to support implementation of measures ensuring the transition to net zero.
Reducing carbon impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE is committed to reducing the carbon impact of its activities by making strategic shifts towards less carbon intensive business activities. Its four core 2030 business goals are focused on addressing the challenge of climate change in a sustainable way and include targets around reducing the carbon intensity of SSE's electricity generation and increasing renewable energy output.
Risk assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE assesses both the climate-related risks and opportunities that face its business including the potential financial implications of those risks.
Adaptation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE will consider the physical impacts of climate change, including the increased likelihood of severe weather events, in its business continuity and crisis management plans, and will implement climate adaptation plans.
Innovation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE collaborates, invests in and develops new technologies to support the delivery of a net zero economy.
Value chain	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE advises and engages its value chain on climate-related risks and opportunities to better understand and support the transition to net zero emissions. It is committed to working with supply chain partners to deliver low-carbon solutions and increase the resilience of the energy system to the impacts of climate change.
Disclosures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSE discloses to its stakeholders the actions taken and progress made on addressing climate-related risks and opportunities. It has committed to meeting the voluntary Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (TCFD) recommendations in full.