



# SSEN DISTRIBUTION ASSET MANAGEMENT POLICY

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			Distribution	Transmission
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## 1 Asset Management Policy Statement

- 1.1 We deliver power to 3.9 million homes and businesses in the UK via our extensive electricity distribution networks of overhead lines, underground cables and substations. Our Scottish network covers 25% of the UK landmass but is the most sparsely populated Distribution region, including 59 island communities. Our central southern England network serves areas of designated high economic growth potential, like the Oxford-Cambridge and M4 growth corridors, and West London.
- 1.2 We have three priorities:
  - Going beyond our customers' needs to offer best value services when it matters most.
  - Building sustainable communities and vibrant local economies.
  - Delivering a resilient business and network fit for the modern world and prepared for what's next.
- 1.3 We commit to effective management of our assets, satisfying legal and regulatory requirements, and following International Standards and best practice. This is fundamental to delivering these priorities and maintaining our licence to operate.
- 1.4 Our asset management system is continuously developed, supported and delivered by teams across our whole organisation.
- 1.5 For us, effective asset management means:
  - Embedding safe and sustainable practices in everything we do.
  - Balancing current and future needs of our customers and stakeholders, including environmental, social and governance factors, to set our priorities.
  - Playing a lead role in circularity by applying sustainable risk-based asset strategies and interventions across the whole asset lifecycle, optimising cost, risk and performance, for the best overall long-term value and minimal impact on our planet.
  - Aligning and coordinating our asset management objectives, strategies, processes, plans, decisions and activities, across all our teams, to deliver our organisational priorities at the required pace.
  - Maintaining engineering excellence by developing teams with the right skills and critical behaviours to deliver network integrity today and continuously improve for tomorrow.
  - Striving for evidence-based performance measurement that drives consistently smart data driven decisions.
  - Checking the effectiveness of our asset management system through regular audits and management reviews.
  - Continually seeking and implementing innovations and improvements to our asset management capability, to maximise the value we realise from our assets.
- 1.6 Our Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) outlines how we implement these principles. We believe that an excellent asset management culture is built through regular communication, training and engagement with our people and supply chain partners. Everyone in our organisation plays a part in bringing this Policy to life and is empowered to speak up if anything compromises it.
- 1.7 The Distribution Executive Committee fully endorses this Policy and will review it regularly to make sure it remains relevant and effective for the evolving needs of our customers and stakeholders.