



RPE – Climate Policy – April 2021 (updated)

Our climate is in crisis, and our planet’s biodiversity is rapidly diminishing. RPE recognises that we are all responsible for helping to tackle these crises, and businesses, such as ours, have an important role to play – even if our core business doesn’t allow for much direct action.

Sustainable businesses, are those which recognise the issues in our world not only for today, but also for our shared future. Businesses which thrive are those which look beyond the immediate and the obvious to our wider world. RPE understands its corporate responsibility to its stakeholders, the communities in which it operates, and as global citizens to wider concerns – such as those relating to our natural world.

Our core business:

We recognise that advice given to investors highlights the need for consideration of climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies that may offer beneficial opportunities – but may require a change in direction or performance levels.

Our advice also signposts to the need to consider and address, where possible, climate change risks – both financial and reputational, and as such guard against the future incidence of stranded assets.

Our asset management mandates will actively encourage the assessment of the carbon footprints of our client’s assets and we will work with our clients on the reduction and management of these carbon emissions.

Our offices and travel:

We recognise that the consumption of all goods and services has a carbon footprint. In managing our offices we endeavour to make climate conscious decisions related to our utilities and office equipment suppliers. We encourage a reduce, reuse, recycle policy where possible.

Air travel is responsible for a sizeable share of global carbon emissions, and our core business requires some international travel. We aim to balance the business requirements for travel with its environmental implications. Connectivity technologies are enabling more of our work to be undertaken ‘from home’, this is greatly reducing our international travel, and we will strive to continue to ensure this remains the case.

Car sharing or use of public transport is promoted for all internal country-wide travel where possible.

We endeavour to offset our carbon emissions related to our travel each year via ClimateCare.

Our people:

The urgent need to address climate change is of concern to our employees, and we are keen to support their learning related to this issue and its implications for our business sector.

Our reporting:

RPE commit to increasing the measurement and management of our office energy consumption and related carbon emissions, and will endeavour to reduce these. These figures will be reported annually.