

Introduction

It is the policy of SED Services Ltd to achieve our commitment to reducing fuel consumption where we can by monitoring fuel consumption and vehicle emissions.

Purpose and Scope

Megan Baldwin is the nominated Fuel and Emissions Champion.

Routes are monitored to ensure that our drivers are taking the shortest but safest routes to sites to reduce fuel usage and drivers will only run their vehicles when they need to, this will be monitored on the tracking system.

Fuel usage is monitored by fuel purchased and miles travelled.

Drivers use the information below as a basis for promoting fuel efficient driving, to lower emissions and improve air quality, and we recognise and encourage drivers to be legal, safe and have professional behaviour.

Driving

- **Smooth and gentle** – drive smoothly, accelerate gently, and read the road ahead to avoid braking unnecessarily. Decelerate smoothly by releasing the accelerator in time, leaving the car in gear.
- **Keep rolling** – stopping then starting again uses more fuel than rolling. Slow early for traffic lights or approaching a queue and you might not have to stop completely.
- **Change up earlier** – don't labour the engine but try changing up at an engine speed of around 2,000 rpm (diesel) or 2,500 (petrol). Since 2014 new car models have been fitted with a gear shift indicator to encourage use of the most efficient gear.
- **Use your air-con wisely** – at low speeds, air-con increases fuel consumption but at higher speeds the effect is less noticeable. Try opening the windows around town and save the air-con for high-speed driving. Don't leave it on all the time but running it at least once a week helps keep the system in good condition.
- **Cut down on the electrics** – turn off your rear window heater, demister fan and headlights when you don't need them.
- **Stick to the limit** – going faster uses more fuel. Drive at 56mph and you'll use up to 9% more than at 50mph and up to 15% more than at 40mph.
- **Apply Defensive Driving Techniques** – be always observant, anticipating problems ahead of their occurrences so to avoid protentional incidents caused by yourself or others.
- **Vehicle Idling** – if your vehicle does not have start/stop technology, you are expected to switch off your engine if you are not moving for 1 minute or more.

Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of Megan Baldwin to monitor driver performance, educating and working to reduce this, and working together in making a positive impact on the environment.

Declaration

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