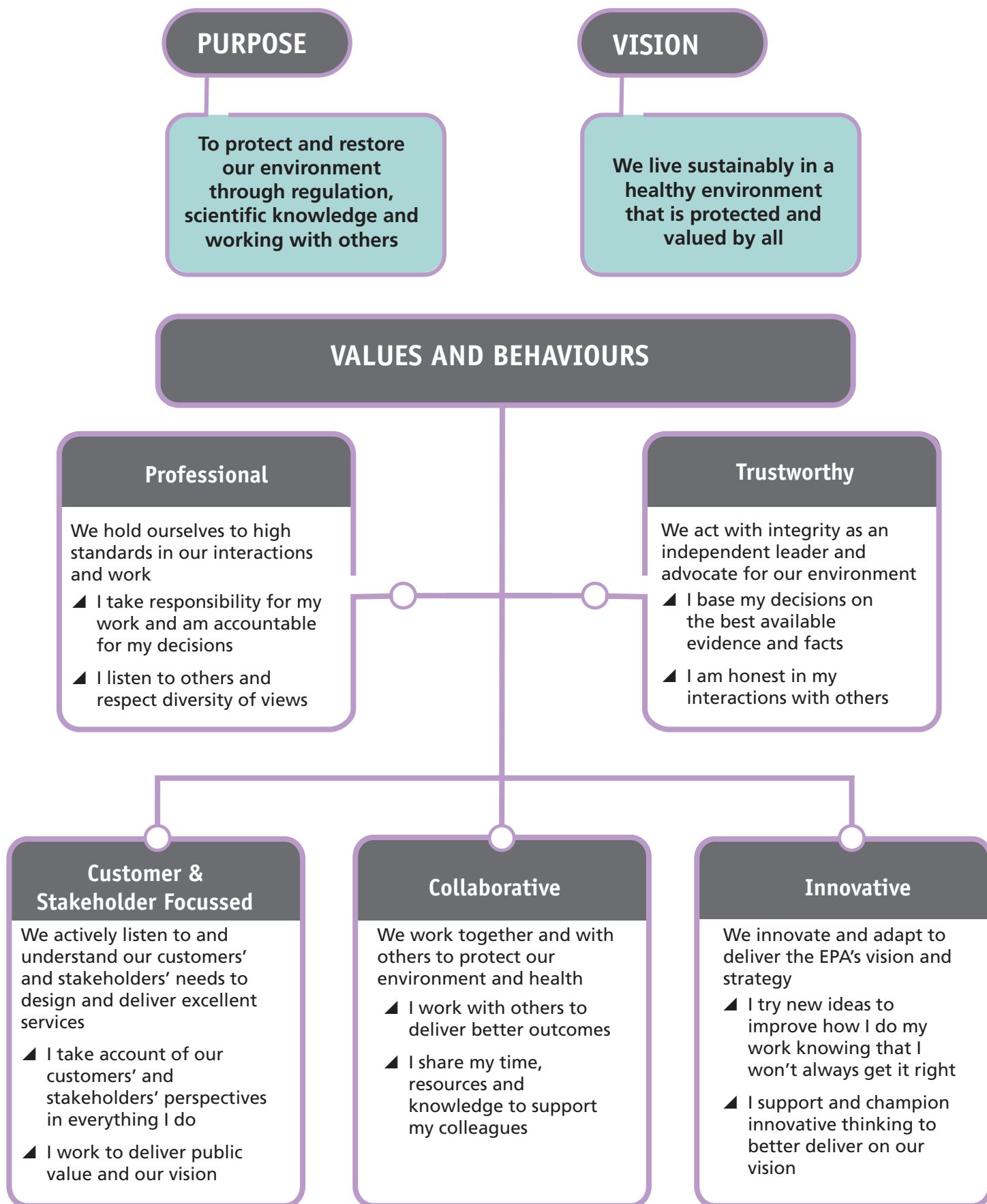


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STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

We use our knowledge
to drive climate action

We will drive the transition to climate neutrality through our evidence and engagement work

We will lead by example by reducing our carbon footprint

By 2026

- ▲ We will have actively engaged a wider audience, driving action across all sections of society to address the urgent climate challenge
- ▲ Our information on greenhouse gas emissions will be timelier and more targeted to support national ambitions on climate and to influence policy
- ▲ We will have reduced the EPA's carbon footprint by at least 30%

We are an effective voice for
Ireland's Environment

We are the trusted, independent source of environmental evidence and information

We improve the environment through working with others and proactively influencing policy and behavioural change

By 2026

- ▲ We will have successfully advocated for a national policy on the environment which sets out the ambition for protecting Ireland's environment in the short, medium and long-term
- ▲ We will have proactively influenced policy and legislation, leveraging our expertise and ensuring our evidence and research is timely, relevant and meets current and emerging needs
- ▲ We will have delivered better environmental outcomes by working effectively with and through Local Authorities and other organisations
- ▲ We will be using innovative & accessible ways to deliver our information, meeting our stakeholder needs and helping them achieve better environmental outcomes
- ▲ Our communications will have moved beyond awareness raising to actively engaging and empowering people to change behaviour

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

We deliver a protected and healthy environment

We protect and restore our environment through effective regulation and enforcement and by delivering cleaner water, cleaner air, and reducing exposure to harmful radiation, noise, chemicals and pathogens

By 2026

- ▲ No regulated activity will have an impact on the environment or public health
- ▲ We will have an agile, effective and responsive regulatory system, delivering timely decisions to promote sustainable & environmentally sound development
- ▲ The number of waterbodies with good water quality will have increased
- ▲ Air quality in our cities, towns and villages will have improved
- ▲ Key environmental indicators will be trending in the right direction

We support the transition to sustainable production and consumption

Our evidence, engagement and regulatory activities support the public and businesses to reduce their consumption and make good choices for the environment

By 2026

- ▲ Ireland will have transitioned to having a well-regulated and effective circular economy
- ▲ We will have been influential in reducing Ireland's waste generation and the achievement of recovery/reuse targets through our Circular Economy Programme
- ▲ Sustainable and green practices will be key considerations in all public sector procurement through Green Public Procurement
- ▲ We will have been successful in advocating for and supporting the transition to a sustainable food system in Ireland

We create a culture of excellence where people give their best

We live our values and behaviours in a supportive, inclusive and flexible workplace, to deliver public value and our vision

By 2026

- ▲ Our values & behaviours will be at the core of how we work and interact
- ▲ We will have maintained and enhanced our capacity, expertise and skillsets to ensure resilience and deliver our strategic outcomes
- ▲ We will have a culture of leadership, performance and development that supports our staff and realises their full potential
- ▲ We will be a highly connected, flexible and innovative organisation positioned to meet the changing and dynamic environment