

Travel Chapter Government Affairs & Collective Action Report

Executive Summary

Travel Chapter believes businesses have an important role in supporting a sustainable, resilient and inclusive visitor economy. We recognise that many of today's environmental and social challenges—including climate change, biodiversity loss and sustainable tourism—cannot be addressed by individual organisations acting alone.

Accordingly, our approach to Government Affairs and Collective Action is centred on responsible engagement, evidence-based policy, collaboration with external stakeholders and the sharing of practical knowledge to help accelerate positive change across our sector.

This report summarises Travel Chapter's Government Affairs and Collective Action activities during 2025/2026 and demonstrates how these activities support our Public Purpose, Sustainability Strategy and wider ESG commitments.

Governance

Government Affairs activities are governed through Travel Chapter's wider ESG framework.

Oversight is provided through the ESG & Stakeholder Governance Committee, comprising:

- Chief Executive Officer
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Commercial Officer
- Chief Marketing Officer
- Chief People Officer
- Head of Sustainability

The Committee meets monthly to review environmental, social and governance matters, including public policy developments, sustainability risks, stakeholder issues and collective action opportunities. Sustainability updates are also included within the Board reporting pack, which is shared with investors.

- Government Affairs activities are undertaken in accordance with the:
- Responsible Government Affairs & Public Policy Engagement Policy
- Public Purpose Statement
- Stakeholder Governance Policy
- Responsible Marketing & Public Relations Policy
- Anti-Bribery & Corruption Policy

Our Principles

Travel Chapter is committed to ensuring that Government Affairs activities are:

- Transparent
- Ethical
- Politically neutral
- Evidence-based
- Consistent with our Public Purpose
- Aligned with long-term environmental and social outcomes

We do not support lobbying activities that conflict with our sustainability commitments.

Public Policy Engagement

Travel Chapter engages constructively with policymakers where our operational experience can contribute to better environmental and social outcomes.

Energy Performance Certificates (EPCs)

During the reporting period, Travel Chapter responded to the UK Government consultation concerning Energy Performance Certificates for holiday accommodation.

Our submission supported:

- evidence-led regulation;
- practical implementation;
- improved building efficiency;
- proportionate policy;
- better environmental outcomes for the visitor economy.

Our response reflected operational experience gained through working with thousands of holiday homeowners across the UK.

Climate & Sustainability Policy

Travel Chapter continued to monitor and engage with developments relating to:

- Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi)
- UK Sustainability Reporting Standards
- Climate-related reporting
- Green Claims regulation
- Wider sustainability reporting developments

These activities help ensure that our sustainability programme remains aligned with evolving best practice and regulatory expectations.

Collective Action

Travel Chapter recognises that long-term environmental and social challenges require collaboration across business, government, academia and civil society.

Throughout FY2025/26 we actively participated in collaborative initiatives that support climate action, biodiversity conservation and responsible business.

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB)

Travel Chapter continued its strategic partnership with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds.

The partnership contributes towards:

- biodiversity restoration;
- habitat protection;
- colleague engagement;
- customer awareness;
- long-term nature recovery.

This collaboration reflects our commitment to protecting the natural landscapes that underpin the visitor economy.

Marine Conservation Society

Travel Chapter continued its partnership with the Marine Conservation Society to support healthier coastlines and marine ecosystems.

Activities focused on:

- marine conservation;
- community engagement;
- environmental awareness;
- responsible tourism.

IPBES Biodiversity Engagement

During the reporting period, Travel Chapter was invited by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) to attend an event focused on the work of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES).

The event brought together businesses, environmental organisations and sustainability professionals to discuss biodiversity loss, nature-related risks and the role of business in supporting nature-positive outcomes.

Participation enabled Travel Chapter to strengthen its understanding of emerging biodiversity science and policy while sharing practical perspectives from the tourism sector. Insights gained continue to inform our biodiversity initiatives and wider sustainability strategy.

Industry Leadership & Knowledge Sharing

Travel Chapter believes that sharing practical experience helps accelerate sustainability progress beyond our own organisation.

Sustainability Calling Conference

Travel Chapter's Head of Sustainability was invited as a Headline Speaker at Sustainability Calling 2025.

The presentation: "Delving deeper with carbon emissions, scopes and delivering Net Zero" covered:

- Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions
- Practical carbon accounting
- Net Zero implementation
- Science Based Targets
- Sustainability reporting
- Practical advice for organisations beginning their sustainability journey

The presentation was designed to share practical learning and implementation experience with organisations across multiple sectors.

Expert Panel Discussion

Travel Chapter also participated in an expert panel discussion: "Identifying and balancing environmental and social priorities within organisations."

The discussion explored:

- ESG strategy
- organisational priorities
- implementation challenges
- practical solutions
- collaboration across sectors

Industry Recognition

Following the conference, the Head of Sustainability received the Leading Contributor Award in recognition of contributions to sustainability knowledge sharing and industry collaboration.

Responsible Business Engagement

Travel Chapter actively participates in wider responsible business initiatives to remain informed of emerging sustainability policy and contribute to collective learning.

During 2025/26 representatives attended:

- Better Business Day 2025, held at the House of Commons, bringing together businesses, policymakers and the B Corp community to discuss responsible business and public policy.
- Additional sustainability forums and stakeholder events focused on climate action, biodiversity and sustainable business practice.

Participation in these events strengthens relationships with organisations working towards shared environmental and social objectives while ensuring Travel Chapter remains informed of emerging policy and best practice.

Climate Leadership

During the reporting period Travel Chapter achieved validation of its near-term emissions reduction targets by the Science Based Targets initiative (SBTi).

This milestone followed significant improvements to the Company's greenhouse gas inventory and Scope 3 reporting.

Travel Chapter publicly communicated this achievement to encourage transparency and demonstrate the importance of science-based climate action.

Trade Associations

Travel Chapter periodically reviews memberships of industry bodies to ensure that they remain broadly aligned with:

- Company Purpose
- Sustainability Strategy
- Responsible Government Affairs & Public Policy Engagement Policy

Travel Chapter identified no material intermediary positions that undermined its Responsible Government Affairs & Public Policy Engagement Policy during the reporting period.

Political Contributions

Travel Chapter remains politically neutral.

During FY2025/26:

Activity	Status
Political donations	None
Political campaign contributions	None
Political sponsorship	None

Looking Ahead

During the coming reporting period Travel Chapter intends to continue:

- supporting evidence-based public policy;
- collaborating with environmental organisations;
- sharing practical sustainability knowledge;
- advancing science-based climate action;
- strengthening biodiversity partnerships;
- contributing to responsible tourism.

Annual Declaration

Travel Chapter confirms that during 2025/26:

- Government Affairs activities were undertaken in accordance with the
- Responsible Government Affairs & Public Policy Engagement Policy.
- No political donations or political campaign contributions were made.
- Collective Action activities supported the Company's Public Purpose and Sustainability Strategy.
- Activities were overseen through the ESG & Stakeholder Governance Committee.

Appendix A – Government Affairs & Collective Action Activity Register

Activity	Outcome
UK Government EPC consultation	Evidence-based consultation response submitted
Sustainability Calling 2025 – Headline Speaker	Practical guidance on Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions and Net Zero shared with organisations
Sustainability Calling 2025 – Expert Panel	Cross-sector discussion on balancing environmental and social priorities
Leading Contributor Award	Recognition for contributions to sustainability knowledge sharing
RSPB Partnership	Biodiversity and nature recovery initiatives
Marine Conservation Society Partnership	Marine conservation and community engagement
RSPB IPBES biodiversity event	Engagement with biodiversity science, policy and business collaboration
Better Business Day – House of Commons	Responsible business and public policy engagement
SBTi validation communications	Public communication of sciencebased climate commitments

Supporting Evidence

This report is supported by:

- Responsible Government Affairs & Public Policy Engagement Policy
- ESG & Stakeholder Governance Committee Terms of Reference
- Public Purpose Statement
- Stakeholder Governance Policy
- Sustainability Report
- Sustainability Calling 2025 delegate pack (Headline speaker and panellist)
- Sustainability Calling presentation slides
- Leading Contributor Award photograph
- Better Business Day 2025 invitation (House of Commons)
- Public SBTi validation announcement
- RSPB/IPBES event communications
- Marine Conservation Society partnership materials