

Corporate Environment Policy

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- Revised policy approved by Cabinet on 18 April 2019
- Last revised in 2014
- Policy sets out the environmental principles through which the Council will operate on its own estate and in its operations
- It **does not** cover how the Council will use its influence in a wider role across the county


What issues does the Environment Policy cover?

- Greenhouse gas emissions (climate change)
- Some sustainable development issues (UN Sustainable Development Goals)
- Natural environment




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Key commitments:

- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions
 - Using water efficiently in the Council's buildings and operations
 - Reducing waste
 - Minimising pollution
 - Protecting the natural and built environment
 - Ensuring all staff are able to implement the Corporate Environment Policy
 - Ensuring that the Council's purchasing power is used positively
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Governance

- Action Plan agreed by Environmental Sustainability Group (ESG)
 - ESG chaired by Executive Director of Economy, Transport, Environment
 - Membership is senior representation from all departments
 - Meet bi-monthly (more often if necessary)
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Progress so far

- Greenhouse gas emissions from property, streetlighting, core and grey fleet reduced by 33.9% from a 2010 baseline
 - Electric Vehicle chargepoints available for staff and visitors at County Hall
 - Programme for switching streetlighting to LED lights, part-night lighting and light dimming
 - Approx. 37% of corporate waste is being recycled
 - Single Use Plastics commitment with actions being developed – no SUP in County Hall catering
 - 8-16,000 tonnes of aggregates and road planings are re-used or recycled
 - Procurement and commissioning contracts incorporate environmental requirements
 - Sustainability E-learning unit and carbon literacy training available
 - ETE has Environmental Management System certification to BS EN ISO 14001:2015
 - Revised Utilities Policy being submitted
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- Further work being delivered through the Climate and Carbon Reduction Manifesto 2019

Monitoring and reporting

- Progress monitored by ESG
 - Targets set
 - APEX (corporate performance management system)
 - Reporting to CMT
 - Plan to publish emissions data on web-site
 - Policy to be reviewed in three years time
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Next steps

- Produce a plan for reducing emissions from property, streetlighting, core and grey fleets to net zero carbon
 - Improve the measurement and monitoring of water consumption to improve water efficiency
 - Improve measurement and monitoring of waste and recycling to improve performance
 - Increase awareness of potential pollution issues and actions needed
 - Develop guidance and procedures for employees to enhance natural and built environment
 - Ensure all staff have awareness and understanding of the Environment Policy and are able to act accordingly
 - Continue to develop procurement and commissioning to incorporate environment, climate change and sustainability issues
 - Reduce reliance on single use plastics
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Other considerations

- Pledges made in the Derbyshire Climate and Carbon Reduction Manifesto (May 2019)
- To deliver this, an Environment and Climate Change Framework is being developed
- Within the Framework will be a series of strategies such as the Energy Strategy and the Low Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy

