

P03 Incorporate the principles of sustainable procurement (considering social, economic and environmental issues) into the council's procurement process

Environmental Management

EM1 Maintain an environmental management system to identify and manage the council's significant environmental impacts

EM2 Carry out a regular evaluation of the council's environmental performance

EM3 Ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and other requirements to which the council subscribes

EM4 Carry out a regular review of the council's environmental policy and its objectives to ensure its ongoing effectiveness

EM5 Minimise the risk of possible environmental damage from incidents and emergencies

EM6 Identify environmental impacts of new programmes and projects going through the corporate decision making process

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Environment Policy

Kirklees Council recognises that its operations have an impact on the environment. In working towards a more sustainable future we are committed to minimising our adverse environmental impacts by reducing pollution and tackling climate change, while enhancing positive environmental impacts to improve the quality of life for the people of Kirklees. The authority maintains an environmental management system to monitor progress against this Environment Policy and ensure continuous improvement of environmental performance and pollution prevention.

The Policy specifically addresses climate change adaptation and mitigation measures including:

- green house gas reduction,
- minimising transport impacts,
- reducing, re-using and recycling waste
- reducing reliance on potable water use,
- ensuring green spaces for wildlife and people are preserved and enhanced,
- raising environmental awareness;
- encouraging and demonstrating more sustainable approaches to the built environment,
- minimising the impact of procuring goods and services,
- and supporting other public sector partners, community groups and businesses in local environmental action.

We are committed to integrating our care for the environment into all areas of council activity and into all policies, strategies and decisions. The council encourages and enables all employees to own this Policy and act upon it. We must set a good example to other organisations and work with contractors and suppliers to improve environmental standards. The council already co-ordinates action in the wider community and will continue with its national and international working to benefit the Kirklees District.

This Policy supports Kirklees Partnership's priorities of reducing carbon, reducing inequalities and narrowing the gaps in health, attainment, skills, employment, housing and wages. It also supports the council's Environment Vision, the council's Vision objectives and reflects the aspirations of the Community Strategy and the targets in the Local Area Agreement for Kirklees.

 **Councillor Mehboob Khan**
Leader of the Council

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The council's environmental policy objectives are as follows:

Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

- CC1** Implement actions to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from council operations
- CC2** Facilitate the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions throughout Kirklees and beyond
- CC3** Implement council actions to adapt to the impacts of climate change
- CC4** Facilitate actions to adapt to the impacts of climate change throughout Kirklees and beyond

Environmental Awareness

- EA1** Educate, train and motivate staff to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible manner
- EA2** Raise the environmental awareness of the people of Kirklees, particularly children and young people
- EA3** Encourage and actively support local communities to undertake local environmental projects

Water

- WT1** Implement actions to reduce, reuse and recycle water within the council and arms length management organisations
- WT2** Encourage and support actions to reduce, reuse and recycle water within the Kirklees district

Waste

- WA1** Implement actions to reduce, reuse, recycle and recover value from waste within council operations
- WA2** Progress towards greater waste reduction and higher reuse, recycling, composting and recovery of value from waste within the Kirklees district, thus reducing dependence on landfilling
- WA3** Improve street cleanliness by reducing litter, graffiti and fly-tipping in the Kirklees District

Transport

- TP1** Implement actions which seek to minimise the environmental impact of the council's fleet vehicles and staff journeys to, from and at work
- TP2** Encourage cycling, walking and other objectives within the regional and district Transport Plans

Land and Biodiversity

- LB1** Manage land under council control within the Kirklees District for the benefit of wildlife, especially the Biodiversity Action Plan priority species and habitats
- LB2** Actively protect and enhance the natural environment and support others in doing so
- LB3** Work with land managers to effectively manage and improve accessibility to open country and the public rights of way network (footpaths, bridleways and byways)
- LB4** Improve the quality and accessibility of parks, open spaces, greenways and green corridors across the Kirklees District
- LB5** Encourage and support land managers in managing land to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Built Environment

- BN1** Implement sustainable design and management practices in council new builds, renovations and conversions
- BN2** Encourage sustainable design and management practices in new builds, renovations and conversions throughout Kirklees and beyond

Air Quality

- AQ1** Work in partnership with other services to produce an action plan as part of the Kirklees Air Quality Strategy

Procurement

- P01** Implement initiatives, which seek to minimise the environmental impact of all council purchases of goods and services
- P02** Work in partnership with our suppliers and contractors to minimise the environmental impacts of their goods and services