

Environment Policy

In everything we do, Derbyshire County Council is committed to...

Energy & Water

Using energy and water efficiently in council operations.

Pollution

Identifying, adopting and promoting technologies to reduce the emissions of greenhouse gases, within council properties and the wider community.

Minimising and, where possible, eliminating the release of any pollutant which may cause damage to health and the environment.

Transport

Reducing the social and environmental impacts of road vehicles on council business.

Encouraging the use of more sustainable modes of transport for all journeys.

Waste

Minimising wastes by the best practicable environmental option by eliminating, reducing, reusing, composting and recycling them.

Managing unavoidable wastes in accordance with the council's Duty of Care obligations.

Natural & Built Environment

Protecting, conserving and enhancing the environment including landscape character, habitats and heritage.

Promoting bio-diversity and local distinctiveness and the conservation of both renewable and non-renewable resources.

Environmental Education

Raising awareness, educating and training employees, and providing information to the public on environmental policies, practices and issues.

Purchasing & Contracts

Ensuring that the council's purchasing power is used to reduce negative environmental impacts and to improve the environmental standards of products and services the council purchases.

Environmental Assessment

Minimising the risk of damage and maximising opportunities for improving the environment by assessing the council's policies and practices for their environmental effects and adopting technologies and working practices which have the greatest benefit for sustainable development.

We will do this by...

Partnership Working

Working closely with other organisations, groups and individuals, where appropriate, to further the aims of this policy.

Objective Setting

Continually improving our environmental performance by setting realistic but challenging objectives and targets and regularly reviewing our progress.

Best Environmental Practice

Complying with relevant environmental legislation and regulation through the best environmental practice in activities and areas of service delivery.

Environmental Management Systems

Operating and extending environmental management systems to control, monitor and enhance our environmental performance.

Purchasing & Contracts

Including relevant environmental requirements when decisions are taken on contracts and service level agreements and working with contracted organisations and partners where appropriate to pursue improved environmental standards.

Freedom of Information

Promoting freedom of information to the public about Derbyshire's environment and the council's environmental performance against published targets.

Environmental Education

Fostering awareness and responsibility and encouraging enjoyment and appreciation of the environment amongst elected members, employees, the general public and particularly children and young people through information, awareness-raising and environmental education.

Policy Review

Updating this environmental policy in the light of changes in the council's activities and new regional, national and international developments.