

Environmental Policy

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council aims to be an Environmental Leader for the Borough. The Council will actively strive to enhance the local and global environment through the sustainable delivery of its services and operations, including the encouragement and provision of opportunities for suppliers to reduce environmental impacts.

In order to ensure the achievement of the above commitments, the Council has implemented an Environmental Management System to satisfy the requirements of ISO14001.

Through the implementation of an Environmental Management System, the Council will:

- Develop and implement specific environmental objectives and targets to be reviewed annually.
- Comply fully and, where possible, exceed the requirements of applicable legislation and regulations to ensure prevention of pollution and continued environmental improvements.
- Review the Environmental Management System to ensure effectiveness and continued improvement.

To ensure the effectiveness of the Environmental Management System the Council will:

- Communicate this policy to staff and the public and provide training and/or awareness raising efforts for staff as appropriate.
- Promote good environmental practices internally and externally and provide details on environmental performance to the public and other interested parties when requested.
- Minimise waste generated through Council operations and where waste is created, restrict disposal to landfill through re-use or recycling.
- Promote environmental sustainability, e.g. reduction in waste and carbon emissions, supporting energy efficiency and promoting and procuring the use of materials from renewable and sustainable sources within the Council and our supply chain.
- Continue to develop methods to reduce the impact on natural resources e.g. water, fuel and energy.
- Explore, investigate and develop measures to mitigate the climate crisis, increase sustainable development, and limit Council's impact on Climate Change.
- Develop robust methods to reduce the impact of purchasing decisions on the environment.

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacqui Dixon".

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Chief Executive – Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council