



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Community Services Directorate and the City Services and Development Directorate have a mission to protect people in Coventry and to sustain and enhance their environment and quality of life. They aim to do this through the development, delivery and continual improvement of high quality, customer focussed services.

This policy will apply to the Directorates' key activities relating to Public Health, Commercial, Trading Standards, Bereavement Services and Sustainability Services.

We will champion sustainable development across the City Council and the region, and lead by example in considering the environmental impacts of our decision-making, activities and services. To these ends we will:

- Operate and maintain an environmental management system to meet the requirements of ISO 14001 to demonstrate our commitment to environmental management and to promote its use by local organisations.
- Continually improve our environmental performance by setting improvement objectives and targets and regularly reviewing our progress towards these goals. We will also encourage other Council departments and outside bodies to improve their own environmental performance.
- Commit to compliance with all environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements, and secure compliance from those for whom we are responsible.
- Actively seek to prevent pollution from our own activities and those of local citizens and businesses using a blend of advice, education and formal legal action.
- Reduce our environmental impacts wherever possible by effectively managing our use of energy and the purchase and use of resources, and minimising emissions to atmosphere. We will strive to minimise waste and introduce recycling where practicable.
- Communicate this policy to contractors, temporary staff and all persons working for or on behalf of the above departments and ensure they receive appropriate training to enable them to achieve our aims and objectives.
- Promote the Climate Change Strategy for Coventry to the community, businesses and other organisations and ensure that the action plan is delivered to enable Coventry to become a low carbon city mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change.
- Make this policy freely available to members of the public, companies and other interested parties to demonstrate our commitment to the environment and to encourage others to adopt similar standards and best practice.

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