



Shildon Town Council

Environment Policy

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1. Introduction

Shildon Town Council is committed to support the creation of a sustainable community.

The aim of the policy is to establish broad objectives and ensure that the Council is continually striving to reduce its impact on the environment and tackle climate change whilst delivering services for the community.

2. Energy and Water Management

The Town council is committed to responsible energy management and will promote energy efficiency throughout its operation.

- Minimise electricity consumption
- Maximise the efficiency of heating systems
- Encourage staff and allotment tenants to use water efficiently on council premises

3. Recycling and Conservation

- Minimise the use of single use plastics
- Ensure recyclable materials are recycled
- Use recycled paper products where feasible
- Minimise printing and the generation of wastepaper
- Use composting facilities at relevant operated amenities including allotments.

4. Biodiversity and Green Spaces

- Protect and enhance the quality of Shildon's natural environment and open spaces
- Support the conservation of trees, hedgerows and streams
- Manage green spaces in a manner that promotes and protects biodiversity
- Minimise the use of chemical pesticides and herbicides
- Support planting schemes that are predominantly pollinator friendly perennial flowers.

5. Awareness, Lobbying and Partnerships

- Promote the awareness of environmental issues within the community

- Support and initiate projects which contribute towards meeting these objectives across the wider community

6. Sustainable Procurement

- Procure goods and services locally where requirements for value and quality are met.

7. Fossil Fuels

- Minimise unnecessary car journeys on council business
- Promote and support the use of public transport, cycling and walking
- Procure electric tools for grounds maintenance where it is viable to do so