



Environment Policy

This is the Environment Policy for all departments within Antrim Borough Council's Environmental Management System (EMS) under ISO 14001. We aim to be an Environmental Leader for the Borough and will actively strive to enhance our local environment, improve the health and well being of our local community and reduce the negative impact that we have on our environment year on year.

Environmental Performance

Antrim Borough Council is committed to continual improvement and prevention of pollution by reducing the environmental impacts that arise from its business activities and delivery of its services. By demonstrating the effectiveness of environmental management the council aims to motivate others to improve their own environmental performance.

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

- Set out specific environmental objectives and targets to be reviewed annually.
- Make the commitment to comply fully and where possible exceed the requirements of applicable legislation and regulations and any other environmental requirements through the application of Best Practice Techniques.
- Regularly review the EMS through management review to ensure it continues to be effective and representative of the Council's activities and services allowing us to continually improve.
- Endeavour to:
 - Communicate and reinforce this policy throughout the Council by provision of appropriate training and education to employees.
 - Ensure that the Environment Policy, aspects and objectives are readily available to the public and other interested parties.
 - Minimise the amount of waste generated internally and disposed of to landfill. Where reduction is not practical, seek to reuse or recycle waste and ensure the safe disposal of all waste.
 - Introduce measures to ensure best practice and the responsible use of natural resources such as water, fuel and energy where possible.
 - Investigate and introduce measures to minimise the release of pollutants which cause damage to land, air and water due to the Councils activities where possible.
 - Ensure our EMS considers the impact our purchasing choices have on the environment.

Signed: _____

David McCammick
Chief Executive, Antrim Borough Council

Date: _____

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