



## Environmental Policy Statement

Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council, through the retention of certification to ISO14001, makes the following commitments to enhance the Council's environmental performance, protect the environment and promote the principles of sustainable development and will strive to provide a Civic Leadership role across the Borough for environmental management. In collaboration with our Community Planning Partners, Council aims to enhance and safeguard our local environment, improve the health and well-being of our local community and reduce the negative impact Council has on our environment.

To ensure these commitments are met Council will:

### Enhance Environmental Performance

- Ensure compliance obligations are fulfilled in relation to Council activities and services and those carried out on our behalf.
- Protect the environment through the prevention of pollution by managing the environmental risks that arise from our business activities and delivery of our services and any other relevant commitments made.
- Monitor, measure and report our environmental performance annually.
- Encourage feedback from our residents, businesses, community and statutory partners.

### Conserve Natural Resources

- Improve efficiency by reducing our demand for energy and conserving natural resources.
- Reduce the disposal of waste to landfill by reducing consumption, reusing materials, recycling and composting waste.
- Show consideration for the challenges of climate change when developing and delivering our services and increase the resilience of our services to impacts such as, flooding and other extreme weather events.
- Reduce the environmental impact of goods and services purchased while encouraging suppliers and contracted services to improve their environmental performance.

### Protect the Built and Natural Environment

- Encourage and implement the appropriate management of land under Council control, to maintain and enhance key wildlife habitats and overall biodiversity within the Borough.

### Ensure Everyone is Involved

- Ensure that this policy and the principles of sustainable development are communicated, understood and practiced by our employees, Elected Members and those working on behalf of the Council.
- Use this policy as a framework for setting objectives and targets to assist us, in the continual improvement of our environmental management system and the enhancement of our environmental performance.
- Encourage the public and our partners to take action to protect the environment, through the provision of environmental information, advice and services.

This policy is approved by the Chief Executive, will be reviewed annually and is publicly available to all interested parties.

Signed:

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