

Telford & Wrekin Borough Council Environmental Policy

The Council in collaboration with the Local Strategic Partnership is committed to a shared ambition for a 'sustainable green community'-Vision 2026. Our Environmental Policy supports this goal.

We will ensure that all Council operations are fully compliant with environmental legislation whilst protecting and enhancing our local environment.

We will use our powers and influence to make continual improvement in our environmental performance, as set out below:

Climate Protection

- Reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases and work with our partners to achieve reductions in the Borough.
- Manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change

Creating a Quality Local Environment

- Prevent or reduce levels of pollution to air, water and land wherever practical through the use of non-polluting techniques and practices

Use of Natural Resources

- Maximise energy and water-saving measures in our buildings
- Promote sustainable modes of transportation
- Minimise waste going to landfill through the principles of reduction, re-use, recycling and composting.
- Procure sustainable goods and services in-line with the Sustainable Procurement Policy

Enable sustainable development which will enhance the built and natural environment

- Encourage generation and use of renewable energy
- Enable the creation of a sustainable built environment through high quality development and good design

Conserve and Enhance the Natural Environment and Biodiversity of the Borough

- Protect and enhance Biodiversity within the planning system
- Incorporate biodiversity into relevant council strategies, plans and programmes
- Protect and enhance biodiversity within the Local Authority estate
- Participate in the Shropshire Biodiversity Partnership and assist in the delivery of the Shropshire Biodiversity Action Plan
- Promote the social benefits of biodiversity in the delivery of public services and support access to nature for the local community

Delivery Responsibilities Leadership and support for the policy will be provided within the Council through elected representatives and senior managers. Its delivery is the overall responsibility of the Chief Executive. Key local strategies will help to deliver the various aims contained in the policy.

Communication We will promote this policy to all staff, members, contractors, suppliers, partners and the public to support them to improve their environmental performance.

**Victor Brownlees
Chief Executive**

**Cllr Andrew Eade
Leader of the Council**

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