

Environmental Policy



Daventry District Council is committed to sustainable environmental practices. We recognise that taking practical, measurable steps to reduce our own environmental impact is one of the best ways we can encourage and inspire our communities to do the same. The Council recently declared a Climate Emergency, creating a Climate Emergency Action Plan and Tree Policy further demonstrating our commitment to environmental improvement.

This policy sets out our key commitments towards minimising the environmental impacts that arise through the delivery of our services and how we will work with our residents, businesses and partners to achieve positive environmental outcomes.

We will:

- Minimise pollution, conserve our use of natural resources, encourage biodiversity and enhance the natural and built environment, and promote good environmental practice when working with our contractors and suppliers, to ensure they do the same.
- Influence the whole life environmental performance of all construction projects we are involved in and apply sustainable practices to the build, development and design process, including the provision of renewable energy installations where reasonably practicable and affordable.
- Ensure we comply with environmental legislation and regulations and expect our contractors and suppliers to do the same.
- Choose environmentally sound and sustainable purchasing alternatives where reasonably practicable and affordable, in line with our corporate procurement policies, and influence our suppliers to do the same.
- Practice, promote and seek further opportunities for reducing the volume of waste produced and to improve re-use and recycling within the District, including at our own properties.
- Reduce our contribution to climate change by decreasing our carbon emissions in line with the Climate Change Act target of net-zero carbon emissions by 2050.
- Encourage greater use of sustainable forms of transport and develop electric vehicle infrastructure in the district.
- Promote environmental management and awareness to residents, schools and businesses, and continue to provide support and advice to help them reduce their environmental impact.
- Nurture and encourage a sense of environmental responsibility among our employees and contractors, to ensure that our services are delivered with minimum impact to the environment.
- Continually improve our environmental performance by implementing the Investors in the Environment (iE) scheme, set annual environmental goals and aim to reduce the resources we use.

This policy will be made available at www.daventrydc.gov.uk. Printed copies are available on request.

The Environmental Improvement Officer has designated responsibility for the implementation of the policy, however it is the responsibility of all employees and contractors to actively implement it. The policy shall be reviewed annually. Any queries on the policy should be directed to Daventry District Council, Lodge Road, Daventry, Northamptonshire, NN11 4FP. Telephone: 01327 871100. Email: comments@daventrydc.gov.uk.

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