



NEWTOWN AND LLANLLWCHAIARN TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY*

1 Introduction

The Council is committed to working towards the aims of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015, which place an emphasis on protecting the environment, using resources sustainably and protecting the health and prosperity of generations to come.

2. The Policy

The Council

- recognises the limits of the global environment and therefore uses resources efficiently and proportionately,
- aspires to become a low-carbon organisation through better management of its material, water and energy resources,
- integrates environmental and sustainable principles into the Council's operational procedures ,
- promotes best practice and seeks to improve its environmental performance wherever practicable,
- wishes to maintain healthy functioning ecosystems and encourage a biodiverse natural environment in Newtown.

3.0 Practical Measures

3.1 Energy, Water & Waste Management

Within the constraints of cost and practicality, the Council will:

- Use energy & environmental monitoring systems to identify potential energy and water savings. An example would include use of smart meters.
- Identify and implement cost effective energy & water conservation measures. Examples might include movement sensor switches in areas where lights regularly get left on.
- Conduct regular site checks to identify waste, water and energy Savings. Examples might include checking toilet blocks for leaking taps or buildings for windows that do not close effectively.
- Reduce the amount of waste generated by Council activities by
- implementing waste minimization systems. Examples might include more use of digital means to distribute meeting papers and printing double sided when printing is unavoidable.
- Use all available recycling avenues to reduce waste going to landfill.

3.2 Environmental Procurement

Within the constraints of cost and practicality, the Council will:

- Purchase products and services, which cause least harm to the environment. Examples might include requesting china cups and plates rather than single use items for an event, using environmentally friendly cleaning products or purchasing recycled toilet paper.
- Use local labour and materials wherever possible to reduce the environmental impact of travel miles
- Reduce its use of single use plastics, such as drinking straws, plastic cups, laminating pouches etc.

3.3 Built Environment

Within the constraints of cost and practicality, the Council will:

- Improve council owned or maintained buildings to increase thermal efficiency. Examples might be improving roof insulation or fitting secondary glazing.
- Repair and upgrade fixtures and fittings to improve water and energy efficiency and reduce wastage. Examples might be adapting toilet cisterns to use less water, repairing dripping taps or fitting thermostats to radiators.
- Use recycled or reclaimed building materials where reasonable to do so. Examples could include use of reclaimed bricks or beams in building projects.
- Use materials and working methods which reduce the environmental impact of building enhancements. Examples might include choosing paint with less harmful effects on the environment, ensuring that building work does not pollute water courses, disposing of building waste in a responsible way.

3.4 Management of green spaces

Within the constraints of cost and practicality, the Council will:

- Operate garden and grounds management procedures which support and enhance local biodiversity.
- Use plants that are locally grown and native to Britain.
- Provide a variety of pollinator plants in planting schemes.
- Replace any mature tree needing felling with at least 2 young trees somewhere within Newtown.
- Prohibit balloon releases or launch of Chinese lanterns from Council controlled land.

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