

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Statement of Intent

Neighbourhood Services provide a direct service to the people of Newcastle upon Tyne and this policy is appropriate to the nature, scale and environmental impacts of our activities.

We are committed to building and supporting safe and clean neighbourhoods whilst managing the environment effectively and sustainably.

Our aim is to reduce the negative environmental impact of *our* activities and to achieve this we have implemented an Environmental Management System (EMS).

This will help us continually improve our environmental performance by implementing control measures to prevent pollution and to ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation.

Key aims

Energy

Minimise the City's contribution to climate change by reducing energy consumption through energy conservation and by increasing renewable energy use.

Transport

Continue to review new vehicle concepts and fuels.

Waste

Reduce the amount of waste produced, increase the amount recycled and minimise the amount of waste disposed of to landfill.

Resources

Increase the sustainable use of our resources.

Biodiversity

Protect and enhance the city's biodiversity.

Natural Environment

Protect and enhance the city's rural and urban landscapes.

Contractors and Suppliers

Work with contractors and suppliers to improve the environmental impact of their products and services.

Environmental Management Systems

Implement and operate an Environmental Management System certificated to ISO 14001 and registered to the Eco-Management & Audit Scheme (EMAS).

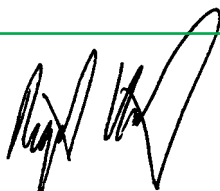
Policies and Strategies

Implement and comply with Council environmental policies including; Charter for the Environment, Biodiversity Action Plan, Tree Strategy, Green Space Strategy and Waste Strategy.

Implementation

Each section of Neighbourhood Services will; contribute to this environmental policy and the key aims it contains, ensure that the policy is communicated to all employees and make it available to all interested parties. Neighbourhood Services will also publish an annual statement of environmental performance.

Signature



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