



Environmental Policy

Introduction

It is the purpose of this policy to identify and reduce the environmental impact which the Council's activities and policies have on its community, and to make a contribution to the wider environmental issues surrounding climate change.

Policy Statement

Cranbrook Town Council accepts its responsibilities towards the environment and will take environmental considerations into account in all decision-making throughout the council's activities. The council is committed to minimising any adverse impact **on** the environment arising from its policies and working practices.

The overall objectives of Cranbrook Town Council towards the environment are:

- a) to conserve energy and other scarce or non-renewable resources.
- b) to minimise emissions from those buildings for which the council has responsibility or influence, including greenhouse gases, fluorocarbons, and other gases detrimental to the environment.
- c) to reduce the amount of waste the council generates.
- d) to follow methods of disposal which reduce the impact on the environment.

Specifically Cranbrook Town Council will:

- a) pursue a green transport plan which will lead to a reduction in vehicle emissions;
- b) maximise the efficient use of energy;
- c) work with our contractors and suppliers to achieve standards, in both purchasing and disposal, which minimise environmental impact;
- d) support East Devon District Council's promotion to reduce, reuse and recycle and the use of recycled materials and sustainable resources;
- e) promote awareness of environmental issues, targets, and progress towards them;
- f) comment on environmental performance set against these objectives in the Council's annual report.

Responsibility for implementing this policy rests with Councillors and Council employees.

Environment Strategy

Cranbrook Town Council will:

- a) encourage environmental best practice amongst its employees, contractors and members of the community.
- b) ensure the environmental impact of goods and services is considered within its document decisions, work with suppliers, contractors to lessen the environmental impact of their operations.
- c) minimise waste and make the best use of resources by encouraging employees.
- d) members of the community and suppliers to reduce, recycle, reuse and compost.
- e) reduce demands for energy, improved energy efficiency and utilise renewable energy technologies where appropriate.
- f) promote the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity, landscape, built environment, maritime, cultural and historic interests through its activities and through its work with others.
- g) provide guidance to employees and others in minimising the need for unnecessary use of transport which has a detrimental effect on the environment.

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