

BRIDLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

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1.0 GENERAL STATEMENT

Bridlington Town Council recognises the importance and value of a quality environment and the need to manage resources so that future generations can benefit from its contribution to the quality of life for our community.

2.0 AIMS

- a) To promote the value of a quality environment and management of resources to the local community.
- b) To support our community in its enjoyment of our local environment.
- c) To carry out our work in an efficient way that minimises or eliminates its adverse impact on our environment.

3.0 OBJECTIVES

Wherever practicable the Council will:

- a) Minimise the creation of waste and, wherever possible, recycle or reuse materials.
- b) Dispose of all wastes through safe and responsible methods in compliance with relevant environmental legislation.
- c) Maintain respect for natural resources by ensuring the most efficient use of materials and by using, wherever possible, renewable, recycled and recyclable products.
- d) Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the organisation by conserving energy, improving energy efficiency, seeking to utilise safer energy sources and giving preference to renewable over finite energy resources wherever possible.

4.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

Bridlington Town Council acknowledges its responsibility to achieve these Aims and Objectives and will:

- a) Communicate the environmental policy and train its staff to ensure its effective implementation.
- b) Prepare, implement and monitor action plans to improve performance.
- c) Review actions and report annually to the Annual Parish Council Meeting.
- d) Support and encourage contractors and suppliers to minimise their impact on the environment through the communication of its Environmental and Sustainability Policy.
- e) Use, and specify the use of, used, reclaimed or recycled materials wherever appropriate and possible.
- f) Actively seek the purchase of materials locally and the appointment of local contractors whenever such materials and skills exist locally.
- g) The above actions will be pursued in a context where purchasing decisions need to secure good value for money in addition to sound environmental factors.