



Pershire Town Council

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Pershire Town Council recognises that it has a role to play in helping conserve and enhance the environment¹ and is committed to operating responsibly and in compliance with all environmental regulations, legislation and approved codes of practice.

Pershire Town Council will work to enhance the natural and built environment by promoting a more *sustainable* approach in general.² To this end, the Council will:

1. Assess annually the environmental effects of the Council's activities against a range of targets.³
2. Review its environmental targets on an annual basis.
3. Provide environmental training for its staff.
4. Look to minimise its physical waste.
5. Strive to use energy and water more efficiently.
6. Promote the use of recyclable and renewable materials.
7. Mitigate the production of pollutants to water, land and air.
8. Control, with the aim of reducing, noise and light emissions arising from its operations.
9. Minimise the risk to the public and employees from operations and activities undertaken by the Council.
10. Promote more environmentally friendly transportation solutions
11. Work with other agencies, including our suppliers and contractors, to further the ends identified above

This policy is communicated to all employees, suppliers and sub-contractors and is available to the public.

¹ Defined primarily as that part of the world excluding humans and their artificial creations.

² 'Sustainable' is defined here as: 'meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' (*NPPF* (2012), p. 2).

³ The nature thereof, and how they're to be met, **will be** outlined in a separate action plan.