

## **Hull City Council Environment Policy Statement**

The City Council, through its operations, has a major impact on the environment of Hull. The City Council provides services to over 267,000 residents and employees, nearly 5,000 staff. Through its activity, the council can have a positive impact and encourage other business and residents in the city to reduce their environmental impact and learn from the actions the council takes.

The council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and set a target to become carbon neutral by 2030, and, in 2022, declared a Nature Emergency, setting a target to become a Net Zero business by 2040. The Council Plan ambition 5 reaffirms the commitment of the council to respond to the climate and nature emergency. These declarations and targets provide the framework within which the Environment Policy Statement and its objectives sit.

This policy concerns the council's own business assets (people, property and assets) required to carry out its core business functions, including its procurement decisions.

The city council recognises that its greatest asset in delivering a successful environmental policy is its staff. The staff are the eyes and ears of the organisation and are best placed to help the council deliver the ambitions in the Environment Policy.

The Environmental Policy identifies the key areas of activity that the council will seek to improve through its operations to set a leading example of best business environmental practice to the city. These include:

- Implement actions to minimise the use of resources and, where resources are used to reduce, reuse, and recycle waste and support a circular economy within council operations;
- Implement actions to minimise the negative environmental impact of the council's fleet vehicles and staff journeys to, from and at work, enabling net zero solutions and modal shift;
- Improve the quality and accessibility of parks, open spaces, greenways, and green corridors including enhancing biodiversity;
- Implement sustainable net zero design and management practices in council newbuilds, refurbishment, and conversions;
- Undertake operations to minimise the release of hazardous materials and improve air and water quality;
- Implement initiatives, which seek to minimise the negative environmental

impact and greenhouse gas emissions of all council purchased goods and services, and influence the procurement decisions of partner bodies;

- Work with our suppliers and contractors to minimise the negative environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emission derived from their goods and services;
- Implement actions to achieve reductions in carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions from council operations to meet and exceed where possible, the 2030 and 2040 targets;
- Implement council actions to adapt to the impacts of climate change;
- Educate, train, and motivate staff to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible and Net Zero manner;
- Implement actions to reduce, reuse and recycle water within the council, and,
- Ensure compliance with all environmental legal requirements to protect staff, customers, and the environment.

The city council is committed to high levels of environmental performance and monitoring. The Council will undertake regular reporting on performance and make any revisions to this policy that have arisen and set out activities that will be taken over the coming 12 months.

The Responsible Officer for the implementation of the Policy is the Climate Change Manager Martin Budd ([martin.budd@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:martin.budd@hullcc.gov.uk))



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