



Cyngor Dinas Llanellwy St Asaph City Council

Environment Policy

1. Our Aim

- 1.1 St Asaph City Council cares for the environment through its own practices and by encouraging others. We will endeavour to be as conscientious as possible about conservation, use of resources and recycling.
- 1.2 The Council will see to protect and enhance the local environment and biodiversity within its area of operation.
- 1.3 The Council will endeavour to ensure wider adverse environmental impact does not occur as a result of its activities.
- 1.4 The City Council acts as stewards to safeguard the natural heritage of its landholdings, much of which lies along the River Elwy, thus ensuring that generations to come continue to benefit from, and live in this natural environment.

2. Policy

- 2.1 The Council will keep aware of the environmental regulations that apply to its business and ensure that its legal obligations are met.
- 2.2 The Council will operate suitable procedures and systems in order to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and look at ways to limit its environmental impact.
- 2.3 The Council will communicate this policy to staff and Members through typical channels such as meetings and work planning. It will encourage suggestions of ways to reduce the environmental impact.
- 2.4 The Council will consider the impact that the goods and services it procures, including the environmental commitment of its suppliers, has on the environment;
- 2.5 The Council will consider the impact that its activities may have on the environment;
- 2.6 The Council will, where possible, affordable and commensurate with its powers and duties, support local initiatives aimed at climate change or biodiversity protection or enhancement.

3. Building & Land Management

The Council will:

- 3.1 Maximise energy efficiency e.g. through use of low-energy light bulbs and insulation of pipes.
- 3.2 Where possible, use energy from sustainable sources.
- 3.3 Find ways to reduce water consumption and check for leaks.
- 3.4 Turn off machinery, electrical appliances and lights when not in use.
- 3.5 Require hirers of Council facilities to use Fair Trade products where possible.
- 3.6 Consider solar-powered options when replacing outdoor light fittings.
- 3.7 Consider sustainable options for new builds or when major works are planned.
- 3.8 Use recycled materials where appropriate.
- 3.9 Assess chemicals used (e.g. cleaning/gardening) and ensure their appropriate safe disposal.
- 3.10 Minimise use of harmful pesticides or herbicides.
- 3.11 Plant more trees and use indigenous species as much as possible.
- 3.12 Minimise use of peat-based composts.
- 3.13 Create, enhance and protect wildlife habitats.
- 3.14 Review ground maintenance regimes to improve biodiversity.
- 3.15 Compost green waste where possible.
- 3.16 Consider solar-powered options when replacing outdoor light fittings.
- 3.17 Seek to manage its green spaces in a manner that promotes and protects biodiversity.
- 3.18 Where practicable use locally sourced plants grown in the UK.
- 3.19 Where appropriate, develop wildflower sites, with reduced mowing and cut and collect.
- 3.20 In appropriate locations encourage the use of native, wildflower and bee friendly species.
- 3.21 Liaise with the County Council to achieve bee-friendly status.
- 3.22 Ceasing grass cutting on Mill Race Meadow, where the land is grazed by sheep.

4 Procurement

The Council will:

- 4.1 Source materials and services locally where possible.
- 4.2 Consider the durability and end-of-life disposal implications of products before purchasing.
- 4.3 Consider environmentally- friendly alternatives when replacing assets, which have reached the end of their useful life.
- 4.4 Ensure suppliers and contractors are aware of our environmental policy by highlighting the policy on the Council's website when giving instructions.
- 4.5 Use Fair Trade products where possible.

5 General

The Council will:

- 5.1 Promote and use local recycling initiatives.
- 5.2 Dispose of waste properly to prevent pollution or harm.
- 5.3 Where appropriate, the Council will consider the effects of its decisions on the environment.
- 5.4 Where appropriate, the Council will seek to minimise the impact on noise and light pollution of its activities.

6. Office and Administration

- 6.1 Only print/photocopy when necessary and recycle waste paper.
- 6.2 Print on both sides of paper whenever possible.
- 6.3 Take the minimum number of promotional leaflets as is necessary and return or recycle those that are not used.
- 6.4 Recycle used ink cartridges and old mobile phones.
- 6.5 Use email or telephone in preference to the postal service.
- 6.6 Make payment by online banking, within Council policy, thus minimising use of paper.
- 6.7 Use recycled paper products where possible.

7. Transport & Travel

The Council will:

- 7.1 Where appropriate, liaise with the County Council and other relevant bodies to support and encourage the use of and improvements to public transport infrastructure.
- 7.2 Where appropriate, encourage initiatives to improve sustainable travel and which aim to increase the number of people travelling on foot, or by cycling.
- 7.3 Where appropriate, support improvements to and expansion of public footpaths and cycle paths.
- 7.4 Where appropriate, liaise with the County Council to improve the accessibility of footpaths and cycle paths.
- 7.5 Where appropriate, work with Wales Government and the County Council to encourage car-sharing schemes.
- 7.6 Support the installation of EV charging points, where appropriate.
- 7.7 Seek to minimise vehicle travel and encourage car sharing.

7.8 The clerk works from home which reduces commuting and the impact on the environment by minimising travel to work.

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