



## **RHAYADER TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES**

### **Introduction and Scope**

The Council is committed to protecting the environment, enhancing biodiversity, using resources sustainably and the fulfilment of its legal obligations.

The aim of this Policy is to establish broad objectives to enable the development of actions which mitigate against any negative impacts of Council operations on the environment.

### **Policy**

In fulfilling the aims of this Policy, the Council will:

- Remain aware of the environmental regulations that apply to its business and ensure its legal obligations are met.
- Operate suitable processes and systems in order to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and seek ways to limit its environmental impact
- Encourage environmentally friendly and sustainable ways of working
- Consider the environmental impact of its actions when decision making
- Manage its resources sustainably
- Increase opportunities for enhancing Biodiversity on any sites it owns or manages.
- Publish an annual Biodiversity Plan setting out specific actions and targets

### **Procedures to support good environmental practice**

#### **General:**

- Maximise energy efficiency for example through the use of Low-energy lighting.
- Reduce energy consumption through the use of light sensors and other appropriate measures and turn of equipment and lighting when not in use.
- Find ways to reduce water consumption, ensure any leaks are dealt with promptly
- Source materials and services locally
- Promote and use local recycling initiatives
- Dispose of waste properly to prevent pollution or harm.
- Reduce printing and utilise electronic communication instead where appropriate
- When printing, print 2 sided and only print what's required and recycle waste paper

#### **Council Amenities**

- Use sustainable energy sources where possible
- Review ground maintenance regimes to improve Biodiversity
- Allotments managed sustainably, plot holders encouraged to minimise use of pesticides, manage water sustainably and compost all waste.
- Where chemical products are used, ensure their appropriate use and safe disposal

#### **Policy review**

This Policy will be regularly monitored and reviewed:

- In accordance with changes in legislation or any changes made by the Council
- Following any issues or concerns raised with the Council
- In all other circumstances, annually