



## Environmental Policy

**Responsibility:** Environment Committee

**Review Cycle:** Every three years, or earlier in the event of legislative changes

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# **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Crowborough Town Council recognises that the day-to-day operations of the council can impact both directly and indirectly on the environment.
- 1.2 The council aims to protect and improve the environment through good management and by adopting best practice wherever possible.
- 1.3 The council will work to integrate environmental considerations into our business decisions and adopt more environmentally friendly alternatives wherever possible, throughout our operations.

## **2. Objectives**

2.1 In order to discharge its responsibilities, the management will

- Bring this Environmental policy to the attention of all stakeholders
- Carry out regular audits of the environmental management system
- Comply fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations at international, national and local levels
- Eliminate risks to the environment, where possible, through selection and design of materials, buildings, facilities, equipment and processes
- Ensure that emergency procedures are in place at all locations for dealing with environmental issues
- Identify and manage environmental risks and hazards
- Improve the environmental efficiency of the council's transport and travel
- Minimise waste and increase recycling within the framework of the council's waste management procedures
- Only engage contractors who are able to demonstrate due regard to environmental matters
- Prevent pollution to land, air and water
- Promote environmentally responsible purchasing
- Provide adequate resources to control environmental risks arising from work activities
- Provide suitable training to enable employees to deal with their specific areas of environmental control
- Reduce the use of water, energy and other natural resources
- Source materials from sustainable supply, whenever practical
- Consider the impact of noise and light pollution