

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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OMAGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

1. INTRODUCTION

The Environmental Health Department of Omagh District Council aims to be an Environmental Leader for the District and will actively strive to enhance the local environment, improve the health and well being of the local community and reduce any negative impact on the environment which might result from its activities.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE

Omagh District Council's Environmental Health Department is committed to continual improvement and the prevention of pollution by reducing the environmental impacts that arise from its activities and the delivery of its services.

Through the implementation of an Environmental Management System we will:

- Set realistic and measurable objectives and targets to ensure continual improvement in environmental performance.
- Regularly review this policy through management review to ensure it continues to be effective and representative of the Department's activities and services.
- Endeavour to:
 - Minimise the amount of waste generated internally and disposed of to landfill. Where reduction is not practical, seek to reuse or recycle waste and ensure the safe disposal of all waste.
 - Introduce measures to ensure best practice and the responsible use of natural resources such as water, fuel and energy.

- Investigate and introduce measures to minimise the release of pollutants which cause damage to land, air and water due to the department's activities.
- Reduce the environmental impact of goods purchased and at the same time encourage suppliers to improve their environmental performance.
- Conserve and enhance biodiversity throughout the council estate

3. LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Environmental Health Department will comply fully with the requirements of applicable legislation and regulations and any other environmental requirements.

4. COMMUNICATION

This policy shall be communicated, understood and practiced by all our staff. We shall raise awareness of the EMS Policy and sustainability issues among all those working for or on behalf of the department through appropriate training and dissemination of information.

We will strive to consult with and educate local people on the principles of Sustainable Development, so that the quality of life in the District can be maintained and enhanced.

The Department will address environmental issues in an open manner and maintain close links with relevant authorities, regulatory agencies, research institutes and the local community to improve and protect our local and global environment.

We will ensure that this Environmental Policy is readily available to the public.
The policy will be made available in alternate formats on request.



**CHIEF ENVIRONMENTAL
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