

South Derbyshire District Council Environmental Policy



Purpose.

The Council is committed to delivering all services and activities in a sustainable manner. We aim to reduce our impacts on the environment, and to enhance our environment.

We will achieve this through:

- Ensuring continual improvement of the environmental management system to allow environmental performance enhancement.
- Assessing the impacts of Council activities and seeking to manage risk and reduce their impact on the environment.
- Setting environmental objectives to improve environmental performance.
- Following the environmental management system's processes to ensure adherence to compliance obligations and where possible, best practice.
- Communicating and training to raise awareness of environmental matters and to encourage environmental best practice among employees, elected members, and local communities.
- Protecting, conserving, and enhancing South Derbyshire's natural, historic, and cultural surroundings and enhancing biodiversity.
- Preventing pollution through reducing energy consumption, improved water and waste management, reducing staff travel, and taking climate emergency interventions.
- Ensuring the environmental impact of goods and services is considered within procurement decisions by utilising life cycle thinking.
- Ensuring services are resilient to extreme weather and a changing climate.
- Working with suppliers, contractors, and tenants to lessen their environmental impacts.
- Working with partners and neighbouring authorities to work towards wider sustainable goals.
- Ensuring continued certification of our environmental management system to ISO 14001.



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