

KESGRAVE TOWN COUNCIL

Environmental Policy



Aims

- To promote the importance and value of a quality environment and its contribution to quality of life for our community.
- To support our community in its enjoyment of our local environment.
- To carry out our work in an efficient way that minimises or eliminates its adverse impact on our environment.

Objectives - Council will wherever practicable:

- minimise the creation of waste and, wherever possible, recycle or reuse materials;
- dispose of all wastes through safe and responsible methods in compliance with relevant environmental legislation;
- maintain respect for natural resources by ensuring the most efficient use of materials and by using, wherever possible, renewable, recycled and recyclable products;
- ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the organisation by conserving energy, improving energy efficiency, seeking to utilise safer energy sources and giving preference to renewable over finite energy resources wherever possible;
- publicise and promote the use of good environmental practices in our community;
- undertake environmental projects in our community where benefit can be shown; and
- work with the local community and higher tiers of government to help/facilitate them undertaking beneficial environmental projects.

Activities to achieve the objectives - Council will:

- communicate the environmental policy and train its staff to ensure its effective implementation;
- prepare, implement and monitor action plans to improve performance;
- review actions and report annually to the Annual Town Council Meeting;
- use our communication outlets e.g. website, social media and notice boards to raise and promote environmental issues to our community;
- provide grants, resources e.g. waste bags and litter pickers to the local community where benefit can be shown; and
- if applicable, recommend environmental improvements to submitted planning applications.

Acquisition of goods and services - Council will:

- Support and encourage contractors and suppliers to minimise their impact on the environment through the communication of its Environmental Policy and aims.
- Use, and specify the use of, used, reclaimed or recycled materials wherever appropriate and possible.
- Actively seek the purchase of materials locally and the appointment of local contractors whenever such materials and skills exist locally.
- The above actions will be pursued in a context where purchasing decisions need to secure good value for money in addition to sound environmental factors.

Staff and Councillors should encourage colleagues to adopt and take responsibility for the implementation of this Policy.

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Next review due: 26 June 2025