
Protecting the Environment is one of the Council's core priorities as set out in our Corporate Plan Shaping Worcestershire's Future 2017 to 2022.

The Council has operated a Sustainability Policy for a number of years. Through the policy and the Corporate Plan, we promote the principles of sustainable development through:

- green economy
- action to tackle climate change
- protecting and enhancing the natural environment
- fairness and improving wellbeing

We aim to integrate these across all of our work to improve quality of life for all the County's diverse Worcestershire's communities and take into account the impacts on the local and global environment.

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The Local Government Association (LGA) passed a motion at its annual conference in the summer of 2019 in support of the Goals and promoted the role of local government in delivering them.



We will demonstrate our sustainability policy commitment by:

- Continuously improving our environmental, social and economic performance to maximise our positive impacts and minimise our adverse effects on the environment and society, whilst complying with all relevant legislation and regulations.
- Actively encouraging and monitoring responsible environmental, social and economic performance by our suppliers and contractors as well as raising awareness of and encouraging action for sustainability

- Prevention of pollution
- Ensure services and assets are resilient to the impacts of climate change
- Through Council procurement, we will promote sustainability by:
 - including consideration of environmental, social and economic issues in procurement, commissioning and investment decisions, ensuring compliance with the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012
 - seeking appropriate opportunities for local sourcing to support the local economy and reduce transport impacts
 - using recycled or renewable materials and supplies where possible
 - raising awareness of Fairtrade food and drink products, in line with the Council's Fairtrade Policy
- Raising staff awareness of environmental, social and ethical issues at work and at home

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