

Environmental Policy

South Derbyshire District Council has set, "Caring for the Environment" as one of its four Key aims and this is explicitly underpinned by the aim of "improving the Council's performance on environmental matters". The Council aims to deliver services that provide a better environment both locally and globally through policies of sustainable development.

To deliver these aims, the Council will manage environmental issues and set objectives in accordance with the framework provided by the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS).

The Council will:

- Deliver continual environmental improvement and prevent pollution to air, water and land caused by its activities and those of its contractors.
- Reduce the impact of its activities on global environmental issues such as climate change, ozone destruction, resource depletion, loss of habitat and biodiversity.
- Help all employees to reduce, reuse or recycle office materials, manage energy and water efficiently, reduce transport impacts and adopt environmental purchasing criteria.
- Consider the environmental impact of built development, engineering operations and land use within the assessment criteria established in the South Derbyshire Local Plan.
- Develop strategic partnerships with local, regional and national organisations to improve the management of environmental issues.
- Promote environmental awareness to South Derbyshire schools, businesses and communities.
- Support environmental initiatives that improve health and well being
- Comply with environmental legislation while ensuring that our contractors do likewise.
- Review the environmental policy every three years and annually assess the effectiveness of our environmental management system.
- Produce information about our performance to employees, contractors and the public through the production of an annual validated environmental statement.

Commit appropriate levels of staff and financial resources to deliver the aims of the environmental policy.

**South Derbyshire
District Council**


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