

South Derbyshire District Council Environmental Policy

South Derbyshire District Council has identified that its activities across the district have both beneficial and negative impacts on the Environment. To deliver the corporate plan there of 'Cleaner, Greener, Safer, Healthier, Better' the council is committed to monitoring and improving environmental impacts across all activities.

The council are implementing an Environmental Management System under the framework provided by the Eco-Management and Audit Scheme (EMAS) to achieve this. This process will evaluate its operations, define its performance, identify scope for improvement and help develop targets and objectives to deliver continuous improvements in its management of environmental issues.

Through the implementation of EMAS the SDDC is committed to:

- Comply with environmental legislation which govern our activities,
- Reduce our impact on identified activities on global environmental issues such as climate change, resource depletion, ecological damage, as well as on locally disruptive factors such as noise, traffic and maintenance.
- Minimise waste produced in all parts of the business,
- Help all employees to reduce, reuse or recycle office materials, manage energy and water efficiently, reduce council transport impacts and adopt practical environmental purchasing guidance and systems,
- Consider the environmental impact of built development, in line with the assessment criteria established in the South Derbyshire Local Plan and through the development of our Local Development Framework,
- 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 and support environmental initiatives,
- Produce information about our performance to employees, contractors and the public through the production of an annual validated environmental statement.
- Gain accreditation to EMAS through external verification,
- Develop systems to implement and review this policy

To achieve this SDDC is committed to assigning appropriate levels of staff and financial resources to deliver the aims of the environmental policy.

This Environmental Policy has been agreed, signed and verified for implementation by: -