



Kirton in Lindsey Town Council
Policy 29: Environmental Policy

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Mission statement

Kirton in Lindsey Town Council recognises that it has a responsibility to the environment beyond legal and regulatory requirements. We are committed to reducing our environmental impact and, where possible, continually improving our environmental performance as an integral part of our operating methods. We will encourage suppliers and other stakeholders to do the same.

The issues generally addressed by this policy include (but are not limited to) air and water pollution, waste management, biodiversity protection, and the preservation of natural resources for future generations.

Responsibility

The Town Council is responsible for ensuring that this policy is implemented. However, all employees have a responsibility in their area to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

Legislation

We will aim to meet or, where possible, exceed all the environmental legislation that relates to the UK.

Responsibilities

- All staff and Councillors will be expected to take measures to minimise environment impact through simple measures.
- The Council will ensure that environmental issues are integrated into the planning and decision-making process.

Paper

We will:

- minimise the use of paper in the office.
- reduce packaging as much as possible.
- seek to buy recycled and recyclable paper products.
- reuse and recycle all paper where possible.

Utilities and natural resources

We will:

- seek to reduce, as much as possible, the amount of energy & resources used.
- ensure lights and electrical equipment are switched off when not in use.
- ensure heating will be adjusted with energy consumption in mind.
- take into account the energy & water consumption and efficiency of new products when purchasing.

Office supplies

We will:

- evaluate if the need can be met in another way.
- evaluate if renting/sharing is an option before purchasing equipment.
- evaluate the environmental impact of any new products we intend to purchase.
- favour more environmentally friendly and efficient products wherever possible.
- reuse and recycle everything we are able to.

Transportation

We will:

- reduce the need to travel, restricting to necessity trips only.
- promote the use of travel alternatives such as e-mail or video/phone conferencing.
- use public transport or bicycles wherever practicable.
- car share where other travel methods are not practicable.

Ground Maintenance

We will:

- use companies & individuals that either have their own environmental policy or, if not, will endeavour to comply with this policy.

Waste

- We will only use licensed and appropriate organisations to dispose of waste.

Monitoring and improvement

We will:

- comply with and, where possible, exceed all relevant regulatory requirements.
- continually improve and monitor environmental performance.
- continually improve and reduce environmental impacts.
- incorporate environmental factors into decisions.
- increase employee & councillor awareness through training.

Culture

We will:

- involve staff & councillors in the implementation of this policy, for greater commitment and improved performance.
- review and, where necessary update, this policy at least once annually at a meeting of the Council.
- provide staff with relevant environmental training.
- use local labour and materials where available to reduce CO2 and help the community.

Approved by Kirton in Lindsey Town Council

Signed (Kirton in Lindsey Town Mayor)

Date

Signed (Kirton in Lindsey Town Clerk)

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