

# lancashire county council environmental policy

## environmental management strategy

### our environmental responsibility

Lancashire County Council is committed to ensuring a better quality of life by providing, developing and promoting a healthy, safe, diverse, clean and attractive environment for residents and businesses. One of the key objectives within our Corporate Plan is 'To make Lancashire a place where people can enjoy a high quality environment'. This policy supports this commitment.

The policy objectives, as outlined in the Lancashire County Council Environmental Management Strategy, are to:

#### legislation

Meet and where possible exceed all current and future European and national environmental legislative and regulatory requirements.

Adopt best operational practices to reduce environmental impacts of County Council activities and policies.

Ensure employees dealing with environmental matters are aware of current environmental legislation and operational procedures.

#### climate change

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions, notably carbon dioxide and methane.

Ensure buildings and services are able to adapt to climate change.

Monitor, manage and minimise the Council's use of energy

Support the development and use of renewable energy technologies and energy/resource efficiency technologies.

Minimise the environmental impact of travelling between home and the workplace and on County Council business.

#### natural resources and waste

Monitor, manage and reduce the Council's use of water.

Minimise the amount of waste produced by the Council and encourage greater reuse, recycling and composting.

Use the least environmentally damaging goods and services.

Minimise harm from land which is contaminated or polluted.

#### landscape, wildlife and heritage

Manage buildings under County Council control to conserve, enhance and restore local heritage.

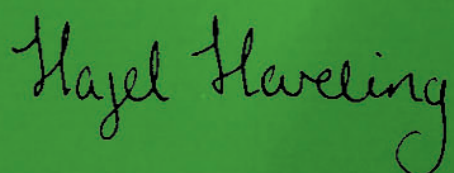
Conserve, restore and re-establish habitats and wildlife on land managed by the County Council.

#### education, implementation and monitoring

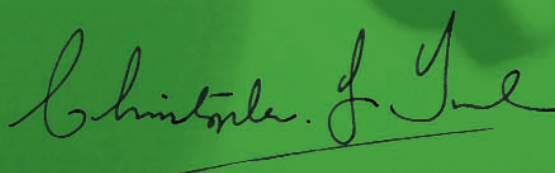
Consider environmental factors in Council decisions and activities.

Continually develop environmental objectives and targets and introduce best practice to reduce environmental impacts.

Educate and train employees and members to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible manner.



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