

Environmental policy

Bristol City Council recognises that its wide range of activities and services have positive and negative impacts upon the environment, and that it has a leading role to play in creating a sustainable city.

The Council is implementing an independently verified environmental management system across all of its services to ensure that its significant environmental impacts will be monitored and managed, and its overall environmental performance will continually improve.

This policy commits Bristol City Council to the following:

- Providing leadership and support for environmental management within the Council through elected representatives and senior managers
- Providing for identification and compliance with all environmental legislation, policies and codes of practice relevant to our activities and services
- Continually improving our overall environmental performance through the implementation and review of objectives and targets
- Identifying and managing significant environmental aspects relevant to Council activities and services
- Ensuring that the environmental consequences of all new policies and practices are assessed
- Prevention of pollution*
- Minimising the effects of resource use by conserving water
- Reducing the consumption of fossil fuels by conserving energy and promoting the use of renewable sources
- Minimising the disposal of waste through reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery
- Evaluating and monitoring air, noise, water and land pollution, and influencing others to reduce such pollution
- Monitoring and protecting biodiversity
- Encouraging suppliers and contractors to improve their environmental performance in order to reduce any detrimental environmental impact of the goods and services used by the Council. This will be achieved through the Council procurement strategy and by controlling the on-site activities of contractors
- Actively involving our staff through training and awareness programmes to ensure that they improve their environmental performance
- Regularly reviewing and reporting on progress which will include producing an annual Environmental Statement for departments that have been verified.
- Communicating with interested parties, and making this policy publicly available

This policy demonstrates our commitment to improving our environmental performance and has been adopted by the City Council.

**Prevention of pollution shall mean use of processes, practices, materials or products that avoid, reduce or control pollution, which may include recycling, treatment, process changes, control mechanisms, efficient use of resources and material substitution (EC Regulation 761/2001 Article 2 (d))*