

# Corporate Environmental Policy

In 2021 Nottinghamshire County Council declared a climate emergency and published the Nottinghamshire Plan (2021-31), with a vision of working towards a healthy, prosperous, and greener future for everyone.

The Council recognises the impact its operations and decisions have on the environment and how its position as a service provider, major employer, community leader and partner can have positive environmental outcomes. This policy outlines the Council's commitment to protecting and enhancing the environment for today and for future generations.

**The County Council is committed to improving its management of services, resources, land and property assets to:**

- Protect and enhance the natural and built environment including
  - Heritage and archaeological sites;
  - Biodiversity;
  - Wildlife and ecosystems.
- Deliver actions that protect and enhance the environment and improve the health and wellbeing of residents, particularly the most vulnerable.
- Limit the negative impacts on the environment from its operations including
  - waste generation and management;
  - energy and water consumption;
  - transport and travel.
- Increase its procurement and production of renewable energy.
- Improve air quality in Nottinghamshire and minimise greenhouse gas emissions.
- Secure additional co-benefits to society and strengthen the relationship between our community, economy and the environment to provide a sustainable and resilient future for residents.

**To deliver these commitments, the County Council will:**

Commit to becoming carbon neutral in all our activities by 2030, setting ambitious and deliverable targets for the Council's environmental performance.

Embed environmental considerations into its policies, plans, procurement and use of financial resources as well as an assessment of the implications for sustainability and the environment in all relevant reports to committees.

Engage, collaborate and communicate with its members, workforce, partners, contractors, communities and residents in supporting the Council's environmental objectives and fostering greater environmental citizenship in Nottinghamshire.

Ensure compliance with environmental legislation and play its part in meeting national and internationally agreed environmental commitments.

Review and update this policy every 2 years, to consider changes in the Council's service provision as well as international, national, and local policy context.