

Environmental Statement

Ards and North Down Borough Council is committed to being an exemplar in sustainability.

The principles of environmental stewardship are demonstrated through our strong and effective leadership. We actively strive to promote a sustainable local economy with jobs and employment for everyone; a just and fair society that promotes social inclusion, sustainable communities and personal wellbeing; and a vibrant, effective and healthy local environment.



Environmental Performance

Ards and North Down Borough Council is committed to acting sustainably and safeguarding the environment, Ards and North Down Borough Council will follow an informed approach in protecting the environment and our outstanding natural surroundings. To mitigate and adapt to climate change we will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions and improve our resilience to current and future climate impacts. We will conserve natural resources, enhance biodiversity and further improve the quality of life and the sense of well-being for all our residents.

Through the implementation of our Environmental Management System we will:

Set realistic and measurable objectives and targets together with an Environmental Management Programme to ensure continual improvement in environmental performance; and

Regularly review our Sustainability and Environmental Policy to ensure it continues to be effective and representative of our activities and services.

We endeavour to:

Minimise the amount of waste generated internally and disposed of to landfill. Where reduction is not practical, seek to reuse or recycle waste and ensure the safe disposal of all waste;

Introduce measures to ensure best practice and the responsible use of natural resources such as water, fuel and energy;

Investigate and introduce, where possible, measures to minimise the release of pollutants which cause damage to land, air and water due to our activities; and

Reduce the environmental impact of goods purchased at the same time encouraging suppliers and contracted services to improve their environmental performance.

Legal Requirements

Ards and North Down Borough will comply fully, and where possible exceed, the requirements of applicable legislation and regulations and any other environmental requirements, through the application of best practice techniques.

Communication / Awareness

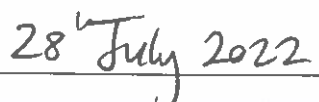
This statement shall be communicated in an effective and accessible manner so as to be understood and practiced by all our employees. We shall raise awareness of sustainability, climate change and environmental management among all those working for or on behalf of the Council through appropriate training and relevant dissemination of information.

This Environmental Statement is actively promoted and is readily available to our employees, the public, other stakeholders and has been ratified by Council. This Statement is a summary of the Council's Sustainability and Climate Change Policy (ALL-POL-002) which can be viewed in full on the intranet or by requesting a hard copy from Ards and North Down Borough Council's Compliance Officer – Sustainability.

Signed:


Stephen Reid—Chief Executive

Date:



On behalf of Ards and North Down Borough Council