

Environmental Policy

Introduction

Cyngor Tref Pontarddulais Town Council (*the Council*) recognises that our work may have a direct or indirect effect on the local, regional and global environment.

We are committed to reducing any harmful effects on the environment and promoting the understanding of sustainability in its broadest context.

This commitment affects everyone who works with and for the Council including Committee members, volunteers and members.

Specific Commitments

Purchases and Supply

- Wherever possible purchases will be from locally manufactured or available products and services.
- Ensure that all purchases of paper are of those that contain a significant proportion of recycled material.
- We will not purchase tropical hardwood from unsustainable sources and will instead seek to use locally (Wales) sourced hardwood or that from other sustainable temperate sources.
- All cleaning products purchased will be as environmentally friendly as possible. Preference will be given to pump action (re-usable) aerosols and non-spray products.
- No use will be made of peat or peat based products.

Natural Environment

- We will make maximum use of native trees and shrub species in our grounds.
- COSHH regulations and Natural Resources Wales recommendations for the use of herbicides and other chemicals will be upheld.

Transport

- Work towards reducing fuel consumption by vehicle sharing, combining journeys, good planning and regular maintenance of vehicles.

Recycling

- We will adopt a basic strategy of **reduce, reuse and recycle**
- We will ensure that as much of its waste as possible is recycled and recognises that sorting of its waste is a critical factor in achieving this.

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Energy

We will seek to minimise power consumption by

- Ensuring the correct instillation and operation of all electrical and fuel consuming devices
- All new electrical items to be purchased on the basis of their energy efficiency where possible.
- Lighting and other equipment to be switched off when not in use
- Consideration will be given to purchasing all electricity under a “green generation” option.
- When considering the renovation of a property or a new build we will ensure that the equipment and construction specifications ensure low energy consumption.

Monitoring

We will monitor the application of this policy on an annual basis to ensure that its practices comply with the requirements of the Policy.

In due course we will consider setting specific targets by which performance against this policy can be more closely monitored and evaluated

Promotion

All Committee members, volunteers and members will be made aware of the content of this policy and its requirements.

Date Adopted/Reviewed: 03 July 2019

Signed _____ (Mayor)

Signed _____ (Clerk to the Council)

On behalf of Cyngor Tref Pontarddulais Town Council