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UPTON BY CHESTER AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT POLICY

Introduction

The Parish Council is committed to a sustainable approach to all of its activities. The aim of this policy is to ensure that the council continually strives to reduce its impact on the environment.

Environmental Audit and Review

1. The Parish Council will seek to carry out an audit of the council's operations, produce a report and review procedures.
2. Once completed, the report will be available on the Parish Council website.
3. The Parish Council will ensure that the audit is reviewed annually.

Environmental Policy Statements

The Parish Council will:

1. Seek to ensure electricity contracts maximise the use of green energy in place of fossil fuel.
2. Eliminate the use of plastic products and supplies as far as is practicable.
3. Recycle waste appropriately and provide the opportunity for members of the public to recycle waste on Parish Council property.
4. Procure supplies and services with a regard for efficiency and limiting vehicle deliveries.

Environmental Objectives

Energy and water management:

- Minimise electricity consumption
- Maximise efficiency of heating systems
- Minimise freshwater usage and maximise the use of collected rain water
- Minimise all forms of pollution

Recycling and resources:

- Minimise the use of single-use plastics
- Provide for and action recycling of waste materials
- Used recycled paper products where possible
- Minimise printing and the generation of wastepaper

Biodiversity and green spaces:

- Protect and enhance the Parish Council's green spaces
- Support the conservation of trees, hedgerows, ponds and streams
- Manage green spaces to promote and protect biodiversity
- Minimise the use of chemical pesticides
- Be mindful of planting pollinator friendly species

Fossil fuels:

- Minimise the use of fossil fuels
- Minimise unnecessary car journeys on council business
- Promote and support the use of public transport, cycling and walking

Sustainable procurement:

- Procure goods and services locally where value for money and quality are met