



# **Charnwood Borough Council**

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Charnwood Borough Council has considerable responsibilities towards the local environment. Moreover, it has long been acknowledged that a global issue such as climate change must be addressed at the local as well as national and international level.

These responsibilities are derived not only from its powers as a planning and enforcement authority, but also because the Council is a major employer, land and property owner and provider of services. It also is a significant purchaser within the local economy, as well as a leading grant-maker and facilitator of community initiatives.

In recognition of these responsibilities, Charnwood Borough Council makes the following commitments both in respect of its own activities and, where appropriate, in its influence on the wider community:

1. To reduce energy needs by seeking greater efficiencies, cleaner technologies and increased reliance on renewable energy sources
2. To operate an effective purchasing policy covering, in particular, energy efficiency and sustainability
3. To develop policies and procurement procedures that reduce both reliance on private motor cars and the effect of their harmful emissions
4. To develop policies and procedures that minimise waste
5. To encourage and promote the principles of sustainable development, particularly in regard to planning policies
6. To protect and enhance biodiversity, including adapting management plans to the effects of climate change
7. To take appropriate action to prepare for living with the effects of climate change within the Borough
8. To raise awareness of environmental issues within its own staff, the general public, partners and suppliers
9. To conserve and enhance the character and quality of Charnwood's built environment and ensure high quality new development through good design
10. To fulfil our statutory obligations in relation to the identification of contaminated land
11. To prevent pollution wherever possible and practical by the use of non-polluting techniques and practices
12. To comply with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and other public sector requirements that relate to our environmental aspects

To meet the commitments, Charnwood Borough Council will:

- Use this policy as a framework for setting objectives and targets
- Commit itself to a programme of continual improvement in its environmental performance
- Operate an environmental management system that will be externally verified
- Communicate the requirements of this policy to all employees
- Make this policy publicly available and keep the public informed of its environmental performance