



**Charnwood Borough Council**

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## CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Charnwood Borough Council is committed to the achievement of outstanding environmental performance and sustainable development of Charnwood's natural and built environment for the benefit of present and future generations.

We are striving to ensure every aspect of our business incorporates the principles of sustainability. This means we will strive for sustainability in our roles as a planning and enforcement authority, major employer, land and property owner, provider of services, a significant purchaser within the local economy, leading grant-maker and facilitator of community initiatives.

Charnwood Borough Council recognises the threat of Climate Change and is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change. As well as signing the Nottingham Declaration, the council has prioritised the meeting climate change focused national performance indicator targets in the second Leicestershire Area Agreement. Charnwood Borough Council has also adopted the Charnwood Sustainable Community Strategy which seeks to further the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Borough.

Charnwood Borough Council makes the following commitments both in respect of its own activities and, where appropriate, in its influence over the wider community:

1. To monitor our use of natural and energy resources, to reduce our requirements and improve efficiency
2. To support council and regional processes that minimise our waste, increase recycling and the implementation of the Zero Waste Strategy
3. To reduce carbon emissions and air pollutants from our buildings, activities and transport and increase reliance on greener and renewable energy sources
4. To maintain continuous improvement by reviewing corporate policies and strategies to ensure integration of sustainable development principles and practices
5. To protect and enhance the biodiversity of the borough
6. To prevent environmental harm or pollution incidents occurring as a result of our working practices, and to implement corrective and preventative action wherever necessary
7. To raise awareness of environmental issues and standards amongst employees, customers, partners and suppliers
8. To conserve and enhance the character and quality of Charnwood's built environment and ensure high quality new development through good design
9. To comply with all relevant environmental legislation and voluntary requirements including statutory duty regarding contaminated land

To meet the commitments, Charnwood Borough Council will:

- Use this policy as a framework for setting objectives and targets for environmental improvement
- Operate a procurement and contracting policy that conforms to these objectives
- Operate an effective environmental management system and programme
- Communicate the requirements of this policy to all employees, suppliers and partners
- Make this policy publicly available and keep the public informed of its environmental performance