

## **LEWES DISTRICT COUNCIL** **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY 2008**

We play a role in helping people improve the quality of life in their community. As part of this we aim to continually improve our environmental performance. By taking action locally we will play our part with others in helping to improve the global environment and adapting to climate change.

We have adopted the following set of principles to guide what we do. We will consider and use best practice and technology as resources allow. In carrying out our operations we will keep within environmental laws and work to them as a minimum standard.

### **THE PRINCIPLES**

#### **POLLUTION PREVENTION & CONTROL**

We will:

**PPC 1** Monitor and work to minimise air, land and water pollution using available resources and legislation.

**PPC 2** Minimise the pollution resulting from all Council and Contractor operations.

#### **ENERGY & WATER**

We will:

**EW 1** Implement actions to reduce the Carbon Footprint of Council operations.

**EW 2** Reduce the Councils consumption of water, gas and electricity.

#### **TRANSPORT**

We will:

**TR 1** Encourage and support a mixed transport strategy with particular emphasis on reducing car use and promoting alternative modes of travel.

**TR 2** Monitor our own fleet and work to increase fuel efficiency, reduce associated pollutants and investigate new technology.

## **BIODIVERSITY**

We will:

**BIO 1** Avoid, minimise and mitigate any negative impacts on biodiversity and ecological resources arising through the work of the Council or its Contractors.

**BIO 2** Protect, enhance and promote wildlife habitats, environmentally sensitive areas and green spaces within the District.

## **PROCUREMENT**

We will:

**PRO 1** Maximise and influence the environmental performance of Council contractors through the contract process.

**PRO 2** Develop, maintain and work to the 'Sustainable Procurement Policy'.

## **WASTE & RECYCLING**

We will:

**WR 1** Encourage & help staff to reduce the amount of waste produced by offices.

**WR 2** Encourage and help Council contractors to Reduce, Re-use and subsequently Re-cycle goods and materials.

## **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT**

We will:

**SD 1** Consider the social, environmental and economic impacts of the work that we do.

**SD 2** Determine the Ecological Footprint of the District and work to reduce it.

**SD 3** Promote and encourage environmentally, economically and socially sustainable development within the District.