



Belfast City Council

Environmental Policy Statement

Our vision

We are committed to protecting the environment. In doing so, we will try to improve the quality of life of all of our citizens, both now and for future generations.

We recognise that we must work with others to protect and improve the environment and to use natural resources carefully. We must work with the public and private sector, non-governmental organisations, the community and individuals. We aim to lead, promote and take part in these partnerships so we can improve the environment in the city.

Our values

We recognise that:

- we depend on the environment for all our basic needs;
- the environment is a source of economic prosperity; and
- if we fail to protect the environment, it will not only threaten future generations but will affect our lives today.

A good and healthy environment benefits everyone.

Our commitment

We are committed to setting a good example and will contribute positively to protecting and improving the environment throughout the city by doing the following.

- Managing our activities to reduce, as far as is reasonably practical, any negative effects on the environment (either direct or indirect).
- Identifying opportunities for improving the environment.
- Identifying opportunities within our capital programme to make buildings environmentally friendly.
- Working with others to promote environmental protection.
- Promoting an environmentally responsible approach to using natural resources throughout the council and the local community.
- Keeping to the relevant environmental laws and regulations.
- Developing clear, two-way lines of communication with our employees, our main stakeholders and the community as a whole.
- Providing relevant environmental training and development for all our employees.
- Setting realistic aims and targets, and making sure our environmental policy and strategy are put into practice.
- Monitoring and reviewing our environmental procedures to make sure they continue to be suitable and effective.
- Promoting and applying the principles of continual improvement and preventing pollution.