

LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

1. Introduction

- 1.1 **LEIGH PARISH COUNCIL** recognises that the day-to-day operations of the council can impact both directly and indirectly on the environment.
- 1.2 The council aims to protect and improve the environment through good management and by adopting best practice wherever possible.
- 1.3 The council will work to integrate environmental considerations into our business decisions and adopt more environmentally friendly alternatives wherever possible, throughout our operations.

2. Objectives

2.1 In order to discharge its responsibilities, the management will

- Bring this Environmental policy to the attention of all stakeholders
- Carry out regular audits of the environmental management system
- Comply fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations at international, national and local levels
- Eliminate risks to the environment, where possible, through selection and design of materials, buildings, facilities, equipment and processes
- Ensure that emergency procedures are in place at all locations for dealing with environmental issues
- Identify and manage environmental risks and hazards
- Improve the environmental efficiency of the council's transport and travel
- Minimise waste and increase recycling within the framework of the council's waste management procedures
- Only engage contractors who are able to demonstrate due regard to environmental matters
- Prevent pollution to land, air and water
- Promote environmentally responsible purchasing
- Provide adequate resources to control environmental risks arising from work activities
- Provide suitable training to enable employees to deal with their specific areas of environmental control
- Reduce the use of water, energy and other natural resources
- Source materials from sustainable supply, whenever practical
- Consider the impact of noise and light pollution