



## Environmental Policy

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## **Introduction**

This policy statement affirms that Galleywood Parish Council is committed to the preservation of the environment.

## **Responsibilities**

Galleywood Parish Council will strive to:

- Raise awareness of the key decision makers.
- Ensure that the implications of health, social, environmental, and economic well-being of the community are considered within policies.
- Share good practice with partners and the community.
- Undertake training and education and to share that knowledge.

## **Aims**

Galleywood Parish Council will:

- Promote the importance and value of a quality environment and its contribution to quality of life for our community.
- Support our community in its enjoyment of our local environment.
- Carry out our work in an efficient way that minimises or eliminates its adverse impact on our environment.

## **Objectives**

Galleywood Parish Council will wherever practicable:

- Minimise the creation of waste and, wherever possible, recycle or reuse materials.
- Dispose of all wastes through safe and responsible methods in compliance with relevant environmental legislation.
- Maintain respect for natural resources by ensuring the most efficient use of materials and by using, wherever possible, renewable, recycled and recyclable. Products.
- Ensure the responsible use of energy throughout the organisation by conserving. energy, improving energy efficiency, seeking to utilise safer energy sources, and giving preference to renewable over finite energy resources wherever possible.

## **Activities to achieve the objectives.**

Galleywood Parish Council will:

- Monitor and coordinate the environmental performance of the organisation.
- Communicate the environmental policy and train its staff to ensure its effective implementation.
- Conduct periodic environmental reviews and self-evaluation of its compliance with the environmental policy.
- Prepare, implement, and monitor action plans to improve performance.
- Review actions and report annually to the Annual Parish Meeting.

With regard to the acquisition of goods and services Galleywood Parish Council will:

- Support and encourage contractors and suppliers to minimise their impact on the environment through the communication of its Environmental Policy and aims. use, and specify the use of, used, reclaimed, or recycled materials wherever appropriate and possible.
- Actively seek the purchase of materials locally and the appointment of local contractors whenever such materials and skills exist locally.
- The above actions will be pursued in a context where purchasing decisions need to secure good value for money in addition to sound environmental factors.

Each employee and Parish Council member will encourage colleagues to adopt and take. responsibility for the implementation of the Environmental Policy.