

1.0 Policy Statement

- 1.1 The Council has declared a Climate Emergency and commits to ensuring that the county continues to be a lively, viable and sustainable home for our children and future generations.
- 1.2 Conwy County Borough Council is committed to:
- Becoming a net zero carbon user by 2030;
 - Protecting the environment by minimising the negative impacts from our activities and being community leaders in promoting responsible environmental management;
 - Identifying and complying with all environmental compliance obligations relevant to our organisation;
 - Preventing pollution of air, water and land from our activities and seeking to minimise pollution from other sources.
- 1.3 The Environmental Management System operated by Conwy County Borough Council complies with the latest Green Dragon Standard for Environmental Management 2016.

2.0 Policy Scope

- 2.1 Conwy County Borough Council's Environmental Policy covers all of the Authority's services. This includes Corporate Services, Economy & Culture, Environment, Roads & Facilities, Regulatory & Housing Services, Revenues & Benefits Assessment Service and Social Care & Education.
- 2.2 The main environmental aspects from our activities link to our environmental priorities in the areas of greenhouse gas emissions, consumption of natural resources, waste management, trade effluent discharge and the storage of fuel and associated pollution risk.

3.0 Improvement Objectives

- 3.1 The Council's Corporate Plan 2022-2027 is aligned to the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015 and focuses on 9 priority areas:
1. People in Conwy value and look after the environment.
 2. People in Conwy live in a county which has a prosperous economy with culture at its heart.
 3. People in Conwy are educated and skilled.
 4. People in Conwy have access to affordable, appropriate good quality accommodation that enhances the quality of their lives.
 5. People in Conwy are safe and feel safe.
 6. People in Conwy are healthy.
 7. People in Conwy live in a County where the use of the Welsh language is thriving and people can participate in all aspects of community life through the medium of Welsh.
 8. People in Conwy are informed, included and listened to and can actively contribute to a community where their background and identity are valued and respected.
 9. Conwy County Borough Council is resilient.
- 3.2 Performance towards delivery of the Corporate Plan priorities is closely monitored and reported annually.

4.0 Review and Approval

- 4.1 This policy will be reviewed at least once a year or sooner as operational and business needs dictate. As part of the review, this policy will be presented to the Climate Challenge Programme Board to approve any amendments.

Endorsed:

Programme Sponsor, Climate Challenge Programme