



# Helston Town Council

## Environmental Policy Statement

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Helston Town Council recognises that its day-to-day operations can impact both directly and indirectly on the environment. The Council aims to protect and improve the biodiversity of the area through good management and by adopting best practice wherever possible. Biodiversity can be defined as *the existence of many different kinds of plants and animals in an environment.*

Helston Town Council will work to integrate environmental considerations into its business decisions and adopt greener alternatives wherever possible, throughout its operations.

In order to discharge its responsibilities the Town Council will:

- manage its land using environmentally friendly practices that will promote biodiversity;
- 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;
- identify and manage environmental risks and hazards;
- ensure that emergency procedures are in place at all locations for dealing with environmental issues;
- minimise waste and increase recycling within the framework of our waste management procedures;
- engage contractors who are able to demonstrate due regard to environmental matters
- support local businesses in the adoption of low impact practices;
- support residents and local organisations activities to enhance and promote biodiversity;
- prevent pollution to land, air and water;
- promote environmentally responsible purchasing;
- reduce the use of water, energy and any other natural resources;
- source materials from sustainable supply, when practicable; and
- involve partners, clients, suppliers, subcontractors and the public in the implementation of these objectives

To be able to achieve the commitments above the Council will provide:

- adequate resources to control environmental risks arising from our work activities; and
- suitable training for officers and Members.

This Environmental Policy will be periodically reviewed and revised as necessary to reflect changes to the Council's activities and any changes to legislation. Any amendments to the Policy will be brought to the attention of all stakeholders.