

## **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

### **29. Introduction**

- 29.1 Etchingam Parish Council recognises that the day-to-day operations of the council can impact both directly and indirectly on the environment.
- 29.2 The council aims to protect and improve the environment through good management and by adopting best practice wherever possible.
- 29.3 The council will work to integrate environmental considerations into our business decisions and adopt more environmentally friendly alternatives wherever possible, throughout our operations.

### **30. Objectives**

- 30.1 To discharge its responsibilities, the management will:
- Bring this 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 can 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.