

## **Corporate Environmental Policy Statement**

Brent Council is committed to sustainable development and improving the environmental wellbeing of the borough in sustainable ways through the services that we provide and by reducing the adverse effects of our own actions. We do this at a council wide level by delivering our Corporate Strategy, which commits us to improving the quality of life, becoming an exemplar for environmentally sustainable activity and making sustainability central to everything through initiatives such as implementing the Climate Change Strategy, the Carbon Management Strategy and Implementation Plan and the Energy Statement and Strategy. We recognise that we can enhance the quality of the environment through our services, through our use of resources, particularly natural resources, and improve Brent in ways that allows us to live today but also maintains a high quality of life for future generations. By acting locally we will play our part in improving the global environment and we will ensure that we continually improve our environmental performance. We recognise that climate change is critical to all our futures and will ensure that Brent Council plays its part in reducing its emissions of greenhouse gases, ensuring its services adapt effectively to changes in the climate and plan effectively for dealing with severe weather events.

### **To improve the environment we will:**

1. enforce and comply with all relevant legislation and other obligations;
2. raise awareness of, and provide information on, issues affecting the environment;
3. work with partners to promote the sustainable development agenda;
4. improve resource use and waste management by encouraging waste minimisation, re-use, recycling, composting, and other recovery techniques;
5. control development in the Borough in consultation with stakeholders, to protect and improve the quality of the environment and improve access for all;
6. be an exemplar for green design including new schools and the new Civic Centre;
7. deliver a sustainable transport programme, work with Transport for London to improve public transport including bus services and bring forward new fast bus options to link our areas of need with our areas of opportunity;
8. prevent, control, and reduce the release of pollutants to the environment;

In particular the council will maintain and continually improve the environmental wellbeing of Brent and address the environmental impact of how we deliver our services by:

- making environmental sustainability central to everything we do;
- becoming an exemplary organisation for sustainable activity;
- integrating environmental considerations into Council procurement;
- improving resource use and waste management by encouraging waste minimisation, promoting reuse, and increasing recycling;
- responding to Climate Change by cutting emissions from our estate operations, including carbon dioxide, meeting specific targets, promoting energy efficiency, using renewable energy, and by adapting our services;
- motivating and training our staff, especially through our Going Green campaign;

- looking for renewable energy supply for all our buildings and developments in the borough;
- implementing the council's green travel plan;
- enhancing the ecological value of land for which the Council is responsible;
- integrating environmental and sustainability considerations into all decision making considered to have significant environmental implications;
- monitoring the environmental impact of our services and operations.

These commitments will be integrated into our Corporate Standards and our environmental performance will be monitored through the performance management arrangements and is subject to audit. We will also report to central government through the National Indicators which are also subject to an external audit. Our performance will be published in our annual Environmental Performance Report.

This Policy will be reviewed once a year and will be displayed throughout the Council and distributed to all members of staff and relevant parties. Copies will be available on the internet, intranet, and upon request from the Environmental Projects and Policy Team, or at [environment@brent.gov.uk](mailto:environment@brent.gov.uk).



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