

**STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

**AGENDA  
ITEM NO**

**28 MARCH 2019**

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<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Environmental Policy</b>
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To recommend that the Committee adopts the revised Environmental Policy
<b>Decision(s)</b>	<b>The Committee RESOLVES to:</b>  <b>Adopt the Environmental Policy as set out in Appendix 1.</b>
<b>Financial Implications and Risk Assessment</b>	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.  Adele Rudkin, Accountant Tel: 01453 754109 Email: <a href="mailto:adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk">adele.rudkin@stroud.gov.uk</a>  Risk Assessment Environmental standards could slip as there would be no systematic approach of holding services to account.
<b>Legal Implications</b>	If adopted this will form one of the many policies the Council must have regard to when conducting its business. Legal implications will be considered when any particular projects are brought forward as a result of this Policy and require a decision of the committee.  Officers will need to have regard to the Policy (where relevant) in their day to day work under the Scheme of Officer Delegations. For example you would expect environmental considerations to form part of the evaluation criteria when conducting a procurement exercise following adoption of this Policy (if they do not already).  Craig Hallett, Solicitor & Acting Monitoring Officer Tel: 01453 754364 Email: <a href="mailto:craig.hallett@stroud.gov.uk">craig.hallett@stroud.gov.uk</a>
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<b>Options</b>	
<b>Performance Management Follow Up</b>	The Policy, if adopted, will be reviewed every 2 years
<b>Background Papers/ Appendices</b>	<a href="#">Environmental Policy 2017</a> Appendix 1 – Environmental Policy 2019

## **1. INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND**

We adopted our first Environmental Policy in 1996 and this was formally reviewed in 2010 to reflect changes in Council policy and again in 2013 and 2017.

The Environmental Policy is a statement of the environmental commitments of the Council. It is not about setting specific targets or identifying capital projects for future achievements. It is about agreeing a strategic context that supports the work that Stroud District Council has decided to undertake. It is also important that the Policy reflects both our compliance obligations and our environmental improvement aspirations.

The Policy is a framework or Golden Thread from which more detailed and specific policy documents and business plans can be made. It also sets out the expectations for suppliers and contractors.

We have an environmental management system (EMS) which until March 2018 which was accredited to EMAS and we are currently looking to achieve the ISO 14001:2015, a widely recognised international environmental management standard.

## **2. CONCLUSION / RECOMMENDATION**

The current version of the Policy is available on the [website](#). The revised draft Policy set out in Appendix 1 has been amended to reflect the Council's long term aspirations and areas of influence.

Environment Committee is asked to adopt the revised Environmental Policy, which takes into account some of the changes that have occurred in this area over the last few years. This includes embracing the challenges of making the District Carbon Neutral by 2030 and ending our use of single use plastics.

This revised Policy will also demonstrate the Council's on-going commitment to reduce its environmental impact by continually improving its environmental performance as an integral and fundamental part of its own business operations and service delivery and in partnership with others.