

# Environmental Policy Statement

Ards and North Down Borough Council is committed to leading by example in sustainability. We aim to protect our environment through strong leadership and responsible actions.

<p><b>Our vision of A Sustainable Borough is one where:</b></p> <p>Economic, environmental and social wellbeing are interdependent and decisions that are taken are well-balanced and equitable. We want a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable local economy with jobs and opportunities for all</li> <li>• Fair and inclusive society with reduced inequalities</li> <li>• Clean, well-managed and low-carbon environment</li> </ul>	<p><b>We are committed to protecting the environment by:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing greenhouse gas emissions</li> <li>• Reducing waste</li> <li>• Conserving natural resources and biodiversity</li> <li>• Preventing pollution</li> <li>• Sustainable resource use</li> </ul>	<p><b>Our Environmental Management System:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sets clear and achievable environmental goals</li> <li>• Monitors and helps us to improve our performance by focusing on resource conservation and ecosystem protection.</li> <li>• Helps us meet and exceed our legal obligation</li> <li>• Reviews our environmental policies regularly to keep them up to date and relevant</li> <li>• Communicates our impact and commitment to environmental protection more clearly</li> <li>• Helps us address climate change, biodiversity and lifecycle perspectives</li> <li>• Focus on supply chain oversight</li> </ul>
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**We will:**

- Reduce our energy use and greenhouse gas emissions by transitioning to net zero
- Minimise waste produced and reuse or recycle waste wherever possible
- Ensure all waste is disposed of safely
- Use natural resources like water, energy and fuel responsibly
- Protect, improve and enhance biodiversity
- Take steps to reduce pollution of land, air and water
- Reduce the environmental impact of the goods we buy
- Work with our suppliers and contractors to also follow good environmental practices

**Meeting legal and regulatory requirements**

We will fully comply with all environmental laws and aim to go beyond them by using best practices and technology wherever possible.

**Raising awareness and sharing information**

We will make this statement easy to understand and share it with all staff. We will also:

- Raise awareness of sustainability, climate change and environmental issues
- Provide relevant training and information to staff and others working on our behalf

This Environmental Statement reflects our wider **Sustainability and Climate Change Policy (ALL-POL-002)** and our **Roadmap to Sustainability**. It has been approved by Council and is available to employees, the public, and other stakeholders.

Signed:   
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**Chief Executive**

Date: 10th February 2026



*The full policy is available on the Council's internet or by requesting a printed copy from the Council's Climate Change and Sustainability Service Unit.*