

## CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL

### ENVIRONMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Cambridge City Council has a vision statement for Cambridge that cares for our environment. The Council is committed to deliver the vision by promoting a high quality and sustainable environment.

The Council has a community leadership role and will deliver its vision through its own activities, the services it provides and partnership working.

The following action will be taken:

- **The use of water, energy and carbon dioxide emissions and other greenhouse gases, directly linked to our activities, will be reduced.** This will include reducing our reliance on fossil fuels and increasing the proportion of energy coming from low and zero carbon technologies;
- **Waste to landfill will be reduced** by increasing recycling rates for the City Council and Cambridge;
- **The environmental impact of transport and travel will be reduced** through our work with the County Council, businesses and others and we will promote and plan for sustainable modes of transport that reduce environmental impacts;
- **Water use will be monitored effectively and we will reduce water wastage and increase water reuse wherever possible;**
- **The environmental quality, resilience and performance of our buildings and assets will be improved.** We will work with partners to promote and facilitate improvements to the environmental performance of buildings and the wider landscape and public realm across the city;
- **The environmental quality, resilience and biodiversity of our land, water bodies and landscapes across our city will be protected, enhanced and maintained** where possible;
- **The elderly, vulnerable and those facing hardship will be protected from the wider effects of our changing climate**, and this will include the impact from fuel and water poverty.
- **Targets will be set, progress reviewed and we will publish information regularly, where appropriate** (without duplicating existing reporting processes);
- **Appropriate training, instruction, and supervision to all our employees will be provided** such that they are able to perform their duties in a way supports our environment policy and objectives;
- **This policy statement will be reviewed periodically**, and not later than 2017
- **This policy will be communicated to everyone working for or on behalf of Cambridge City Council.**

Cambridge City Council expects all staff and all residents to protect the environment and take personal responsibility for their actions. The Council will work with partners and community organisations to help residents, businesses and others understand how to protect, maintain and develop the environmental quality of the city.

The Council will use its statutory planning and regulatory powers appropriately to achieve and set high standards of environmental quality in the built and natural environment and in the behaviour of organisations, businesses, residents and communities. It will promote the outcomes listed above to its partners and to other organisations in the city, including through its contracting and commissioning activities, where appropriate.

The Council will use its powers to take action where necessary against those who cause harm or detriment to the environmental quality of the city.

We will set out detailed actions to further the policy goals set out in this statement in our service operational plans.

Signed:

**Antoinette Jackson**  
Chief Executive

**Councillor George Owers**  
Executive Councillor

**Councillor Lewis Herbert**  
Leader

Dated: X Y 2014