

# Environment and Sustainability Policy

## Flintshire County Council

### Introduction

Flintshire County Council is committed to embedding continuous environmental improvement into its business model and ethos. It recognises the important role it has to play in developing the environmental stewardship of members, staff, and visitors and to integrate the principles of sustainability into all activities.

To continue to manage our environmental aspects, impacts and risks we have committed to:

- Develop a Sustainability strategy
- Ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements as a minimum.
- Take a proactive approach to maintain and enhance biodiversity in Flintshire
- Carry out sustainable development and work to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales.
- Reduce the Council's negative impact on climate change through the implementation of various projects including a Carbon reduction Plan.
- Reduce waste production and promote resource efficiency.
- Integrate sustainability consideration into the Council's decisions
- Encourage reduced dependency on car travel to and from the main office at County hall through agile working.
- Reduce the environmental impact of procurement through sustainable procurement processes
- Manage the council's estate to create and enhance wildlife habitats through the formulation and implementation of a Biodiversity duty delivery plan
- Encourage the development of corporate volunteering activities to promote environmental awareness and responsibility amongst staff and to enable individuals to develop values, skills and knowledge to contribute to sustainable development.
- To ensure that all staff are fully aware of our Sustainability Policy and are committed to implementing and improving it.
- Publish an annual sustainability report which summarises our performance under the policy.

The formation of a cross departmental sustainability working group will support the integration of sustainable development within the Council. All staff and members share the responsibilities in the policy.