

# Calderdale Council Environmental Policy Statement 2019

## Building a Sustainable Future

Building a Sustainable Future is a key priority for fulfilling our mission to be the Best Borough in the North. The Council's Environmental Policy will contribute to the delivery of this priority.

Our exceptional environment makes Calderdale a great place to live, work and visit. The Council shares our community passion for the environment and we work together to enhance biodiversity and safeguard heritage.

The talent, creativity and can-do attitude within our Borough has led the move to a green economy with high levels of investment in environmental improvements, renewable energy and record levels of "Green Goods and Services" business start-ups. This plays a vital role in boosting our local economy.



Kindness and resilience is at the heart of our communities as demonstrated by the response to recent extreme weather event and Calderdale has a strong empathy with other global communities that have been directly impacted by climate change.

We recognise Climate Change as a critical issue and its impact on our local and global communities. Calderdale Council commits to playing its part in limiting global warming to 1.5°C from pre industrial era.

Calderdale is heading into a 'Next Chapter' as significant investment is made in our infrastructure. This investment will contribute substantially to Building a Sustainable Future for Calderdale through improvements in our transport, public spaces and business premises, building on our heritage, our fine architecture, our vibrant business sector and our strong communities

## Our Aims

### The Council aims are:

- To enhance and safeguard the environment
- To fulfil the organisation's compliance and other obligations
- To continually improve environmental performance



### The Council will also:

Ensure that Cabinet, Corporate Management and supervisory staff are fully aware of this policy and have responsibilities for its implementation

Ensure that environmental issues are given adequate consideration in the planning and delivery of day-to-day service.



We will work with suppliers, contractors and in partnership with the wider community to improve environmental standards.

We will maintain and continuously improve an Environmental Management System meeting the ISO 14001 standard for environmental management.

## Priority Action Areas

<b><i>Priority Area</i></b>	<b><i>Objective</i></b>
Tackle Climate Change	<i>Support the Borough to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in line with adopted targets</i>
	<i>Reduce the Council's own CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in line with adopted targets</i>
Improving energy costs and security	<i>Improve Affordable Warmth and Deliver the Council's Anti-Poverty Action Plan</i>
	<i>Improve Business energy cost and security and deliver the Council's Inclusive Growth Strategy</i>
Air Quality and Transport	<i>Deliver the Council's Air Quality Action Plan</i>
Sustainable Waste and Resource Management	<i>Reduce, recycle and compost waste from households</i>
	<i>Reduce, recycle and compost waste from Council services</i>
Enhance Biodiversity and Natural Flood Management	<i>Enhance Biodiversity across the Borough</i>
	<i>Improve Natural Flood Management</i>
	<i>Support the development of Calderdale White Rose Forest and deliver the Tree and Woodland Strategy</i>
Local Planning	<i>Planning for sustainable lifestyles</i>
Sustainable Food	<i>Support Calderdale in becoming a good food Borough where everyone, today and in the future, has equitable access to good food.</i>

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Signed

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Chief Executive

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