

Rochdale Borough Council recognises that its operations have an impact on the environment. We will provide a culturally diverse, heritage rich environment that is healthy, safe and sustainable. We will reduce our impact on the local and global environment by demonstrating clear leadership, providing high quality services, whilst preventing pollution, reducing waste and saving energy and water. We will ensure compliance with all relevant environmental legislation, guidance and best practice principles to fulfil our statutory environmental responsibilities.

As part of its commitment to sustainable development and safeguarding the environment Rochdale Borough Council will protect both the wider environment and our outstanding natural surroundings through demonstrable and continuous improvement of our environmental performance.

To combat climate change we will reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, conserve our natural resources through sustainable consumption, enhance bio-diversity, improve the quality of life and the sense of well being for all.

Environmental Management

- EM1. Maintain an Environmental Management System to identify and manage the council's environmental impacts.
- EM2. Establish service plans and objectives and provide support, resources, training and a performance management system to ensure continuous improvement of environmental performance.
- EM3. Establish an electronic record and data management system.
- EM4. Improve street cleanliness by reducing litter, graffiti and fly tipping in the borough.
- EM5. Reduce our use of energy, water and natural resources and use fair trade and recycled products.
- EM6. Protect, conserve and enhance our natural environment and its biodiversity, whilst improving the quality and accessibility of parks, open spaces, green corridors and public rights of way.
- EM7. Prevent pollution to the air, water and land; we will do this by controlling our own activities and using current legislation to control and influence activities in the borough.

Environmental Opportunities


- EO1. Provide a planning system that ensures all development is sustainable.
- EO2. Reduce the amount of waste entering the waste stream and achieve or exceed the statutory targets for waste that is recycled and composted.
- EO3. Reduce emissions of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases from council buildings, our operations and activities.
- EO4. Adapt the borough to the effects of climate change.
- EO5. Increase the amount of renewable energy generated within the borough.
- EO6. Reduce the environmental impact of our supply chain, using whole life costing and require our suppliers and contractors to minimise the environmental impact of their goods and services.
- EO7. Develop and implement integrated, sustainable transport solutions and travel plans that meet the needs of employees, residents and visitors, including staff journeys to, from and at work.
- EO8. Lead by example and use our influence to raise awareness and promotion of environmental issues and encourage responsible environmental practice by members of the public, employees, officer's councillors, suppliers, contractors and partners.
- EO9. Influence and support educational establishments through the Education for Sustainable Development network and improve the environmental awareness of our children and young people.
- EO10. We will review this policy wherever necessary to improve performance and make it available to all stakeholders including staff, councillors, suppliers, contractors, partners and the general public.
- EO11. Encourage and support local communities to undertake local environmental projects.

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