

Hartlepool Borough Council Sustainability Policy

This new corporate policy illustrates the Council's ongoing commitment to sustainable development. The Brundtland definition of sustainable development: 'development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs' forms the basis of this policy statement and the Council strives to ensure that environmental, community, economic and global aspects are considered alongside the intergenerational impacts of policy and service delivery.

The Council has developed a number of strategies, activities and processes supporting its contribution to sustainable development including:

- During 2010 and 2011 the Council adopted a number of strategic documents including the Sustainable Procurement Policy Statement and a Sustainable Procurement Strategy, the Sustainable Construction Policy, Child Poverty Strategy, Climate Change Adaptation Strategy, Tree Strategy, Economic Regeneration Strategy and a Housing Strategy.
- The Council has developed a sustainability appraisal process which is compliant with Strategic Environment Assessment requirements, to assess draft plans and strategies including the annual Corporate and Departmental Plans which shape the Council's business.
- The Tall Ships 2010 event hosted by the Council was planned and delivered using a sustainable event management system that conforms to the British Standard BS 8901 (Sustainable Events).
- The Council has committed to reduce Carbon emissions from the Borough by at least 20% by 2020 as a signatory of the Covenant of Mayors.
- The Council will seek to strengthen its commitment to sustainable development and will develop a robust reporting mechanism which combines information from a range of Council activities.

As this policy includes the Council's commitment to the three common strands of sustainable development: environment, community and economy, the Council does not have a separate Environmental Policy.



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