

## **Carnforth Town Council Sustainability Statement**

Carnforth Town Council has set out, in its Neighbourhood Plan, an aspiration to 'Green' the Town and achieve, in the longer term, a carbon zero footprint.

Underpinning this aspiration is the need to improve the environmental performance of all Carnforth town community activities and behaviours.

The Town Council, comprising its officers and members, has a vital leadership role to play in taking forward our green agenda. After all, it would be incongruous to espouse such an ambition without examining and improving our own performance.

The purpose of this document is to formally embed sustainable thinking into all we do so as to demonstrate to the community that we adopt, what we believe is, best environmental practice.

## **Carnforth Town Council Sustainability Policy**

*When conducting our business and procuring the services of others we will consider:-*

- The source and nature of resources used in delivering such activities, and whether such resources are renewable.
- The energy used and pollution caused from transport in delivery and operation of such activities.
- Products and equipment used - their durability and the possibilities for re-use or recycling of such products, equipment and their packaging, and waste issues arising from their use.

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- REDUCE - Only buy supplies when necessary and minimise the amount of materials consumed.

- REUSE - Reuse and reallocate resources within the Council or where not possible through other sources, ensuring that procedures and policies for such disposal are followed.
- RECYCLE - Where reuse of products is not practicable, source products that are made from recycled material and/or are in themselves recyclable, and have minimal packaging.
- Select more durable, environmentally friendly alternatives to products currently used.
- Maintain & repair furniture, equipment and other products so as to extend its life.
- Select the more environmentally-friendly option for cleaning, pest control and grounds maintenance.
- Buy energy efficient appliances and equipment.
- Encourage the use of energy efficient modes of transport.
- Reduce, reuse and recycle waste materials at all of our events and all of our premises.

These principles will be embedded in all we do and we will expect service providers to adopt or aspire to adopt such practices.

Whilst value for money will remain at the heart of our procurement process the above principles will be factored into our tendering and procurement process.

Whilst current practices should remain under constant review against these principles, our performance against these principles will be reviewed 12 months following their formal adoption and annually thereafter. The Town Clerk shall ensure that a report is presented to the Town Council within 1 month of the due date of such review.

Cllr Chris Smith

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