

# **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 Sedlescombe Parish Council recognises that the day-to-day operations of the council can impact both directly and indirectly on the environment.
- 1.2 The council aims to protect and improve the environment through good management and by adopting best practice wherever possible.
- 1.3 The council will work to integrate environmental considerations into our business decisions and adopt more environmentally friendly alternatives wherever possible, throughout our operations.

## **2. Objectives**

- 2.1 In order to discharge its responsibilities, the management will
  - Bring this Environmental policy to the attention of all stakeholders
  - Carry out regular audits of the environmental management system
  - Comply fully with all relevant legal requirements, codes of practice and regulations at international, national and local levels
  - Eliminate risks to the environment, where possible, through selection and design of materials, buildings, facilities, equipment and processes
  - Ensure that emergency procedures are in place at all locations for dealing with environmental issues
  - Identify and manage environmental risks and hazards
  - Improve the environmental efficiency of the council's transport and travel
  - Minimise waste and increase recycling within the framework of the council's waste management procedures
  - Only engage contractors who are able to demonstrate due regard to environmental matters
  - Prevent pollution to land, air and water
  - Promote environmentally responsible purchasing
  - Provide adequate resources to control environmental risks arising from work activities
  - Provide suitable training to enable employees to deal with their specific areas of environmental control
  - Reduce the use of water, energy and other natural resources
  - Source materials from sustainable supply, whenever practical
  - Consider the impact of noise and light pollution