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Environmental Policy Summary

→ OUR VISION

“We are committed to improving the quality of life in the East Riding through fostering thriving, prosperous and safe communities which are environmentally sustainable.”

→ THE COUNCIL

East Riding of Yorkshire Council delivers a comprehensive range of services to approximately 338,000 residents settled over the 933 square miles of the East Riding of Yorkshire. Much of the

area is rural, supported by the main towns of Beverley, Goole and Bridlington and a number of smaller market towns. The East Riding is very varied with different geologies, a dynamic coastline and the Humber Estuary. Because of this variation, and due to the dispersed population and large geographical area, the Council and its partners face significant challenges in managing and enhancing the environment. These are made worse in light of climate change and other social, economic and environmental drivers.

As one of the area’s largest employers and consumers of goods and services, the Council recognises that its operations and service delivery affect the environment both at a local level and in the wider context. The Council is therefore committed to effectively managing its own environmental impacts, encouraging and supporting others to do the same and continuously striving to improve the environment for the benefit of its employees, residents, businesses and visitors to the East Riding of Yorkshire.

Nigel Pearson
Chief Executive
East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Councillor Stephen Parnaby OBE
Leader of the Council



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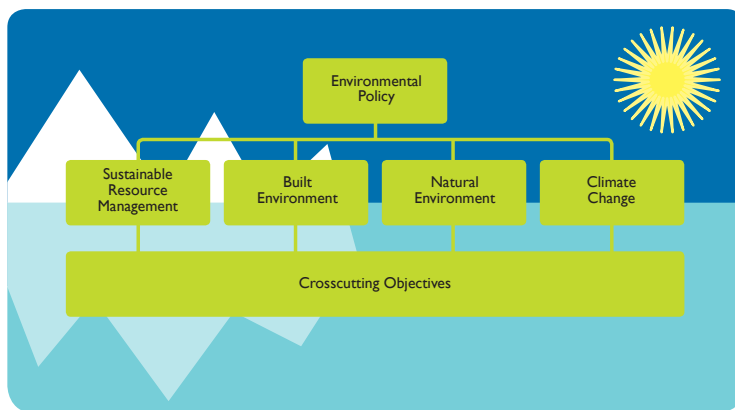
→ KEY ENVIRONMENTAL THEMES

In working toward a more environmentally sustainable future, and in line with the core values agreed in partnership with our communities and partners, we will do the following to achieve our overall vision:

- Reduce or manage the local causes of climate change and adapt to the risks it poses to Council services and the wider area, such as flooding and coastal erosion;
- Ensure that sustainable resource management is enshrined within the delivery of all Council services, such as waste management and procurement;
- Contribute to the creation and maintenance of a sustainable built environment through appropriate planning and development management measures; and
- Reduce our impact on the natural environment by protecting and enhancing the diversity of wildlife and natural habitats and managing our green spaces.

In delivering these four key environmental themes we will:

- Minimise pollution and our impacts on the environment;



- Comply with environmental legislation and other relevant national initiatives;
- Continually improve our environmental performance; and
- Work in partnership with, and raise the awareness of, staff, contractors, residents and businesses in reducing their environmental impact.

→ HOW WE WILL DO THIS

The four Key Environmental Themes are broken down into nine environmental outcomes. In order to deliver against these Environmental Themes and outcomes, an Environmental Policy Delivery Plan has been developed which sets out clear objectives. The objectives within the delivery plan will be delivered

in the first instance using existing council and partnership policies and strategies and their action plans, these which have been identified in the delivery plan.

On an annual basis, monitoring of all of the identified policies will be collated and reviewed by Sustainable Development working with the relevant lead officer/team using the Council's environmental management system. The Council will report the Council's key environmental successes through our publicly available Environmental Statement on an annual basis.

→ ROLE OF SERVICE PLANS

Key Environmental Outcomes, which have been identified in all Service Plans, will also contribute

to the delivery of some of the environmental objectives. The environmental actions that fall out of Service Plans, will be monitored via EMAS and the annual refresh process for service planning.

→ ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATORS

To engage staff in environmental issues, the authority has created a network of environmental coordinators to disseminate environmental information, to help comply with environmental legislation and to stimulate environmental awareness across all Council staff. The environmental coordinators directly support the Council's Environmental Management System (EMS) and have responsibility to encourage staff awareness of EMAS and other environmental issues.

TO FIND OUT MORE

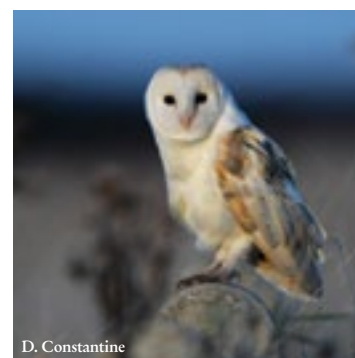
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