

Marlborough Town Council



Environment and Climate Protection Policy Statement

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Policy Statement

1. Marlborough Town Council is committed to protecting the health and wellbeing of our local environment and beyond.
2. Marlborough Town Council acknowledges that non-recyclable single use plastics (SUPs) are a threat to our wildlife and environment on a local, national, and global scale.
3. Marlborough Town Council further acknowledges the effect of global warming and global climate emergency, which has been declared by the UK Government and by Wiltshire Council.
4. Marlborough Town Council recognises its obligation to take such steps as are necessary and practicable, to limit any detrimental impact its services and activities has on the immediate local and wider environment and on the global climate.
5. The Council, committees, and staff will proactively exercise its collective knowledge and awareness to ensure an informed approach to its considerations in respect of all Council responsibilities, commissions and purchases, contractual agreements, engagement of services, projects,

events, and practices, with the overall aim to reduce its environmental impact and achieve carbon neutrality in line with Government policy.

6. The Council aims to ensure its staff and councillors develop their awareness and knowledge of the 'Climate Emergency' and mitigating factors through the acquisition of information and skills in order to limit its impact on the environment and climate.
7. Marlborough Town Council commits to a comprehensive appraisal of its current operations to assess and understand its environmental impact, and to outline its areas for improvement and subsequent actions; and will ensure the necessary resources are prioritized to ensure this happens at the start of a Council term and every subsequent year thereafter, to ensure that the Council is able to perform all its duties as required by environmental legislation.
8. The Council is also committed to supporting and encouraging residents and community groups, to take such actions as are necessary and practicable, to limit their detrimental impact on the environment and the global climate. In order to do this, the Council is committed to consulting with residents, to better understand how it can support in this work.
9. This policy will be reviewed every three years, or as needed, by the Finance and Policy Committee, in conjunction with the Town Clerk.