

# Environmental Policy Summary

## → THE COUNCIL IN CONTEXT

East Riding of Yorkshire Council delivers a comprehensive range of services to approximately 336,685 residents settled over the 930 square miles of the East Riding of Yorkshire.

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 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.

This is reflected within the Council Business Plan through the corporate priority 'Valuing our environment'.

## → POLICY STATEMENT

East Riding of Yorkshire Council is committed to protecting the environment and preventing pollution across its services and operations.

The council will undertake to:

- Reduce or manage the local causes of climate change through appropriate mitigation;
- Adapt council services making them more resilient to the predicted impacts of climate change, and support external partners and communities to become more resilient;
- Consider environmental requirements over the life cycle of the products and services procured;

- Contribute to the creation and maintenance of a sustainable built and natural environment through appropriate planning and development management measures;
- Reduce our impact on the natural environment by protecting and enhancing the diversity of wildlife and natural habitats and appropriately managing our green spaces;
- Prevent pollution and minimise our impacts on the environment;
- Comply with environmental legislation and other relevant compliance obligations;

- Continually improve our environmental management system to enhance environmental performance;
- Work in partnership with, and raise the awareness of, staff, contractors, residents and businesses in reducing their environmental impact and becoming more resilient to potentially harmful environmental impacts.



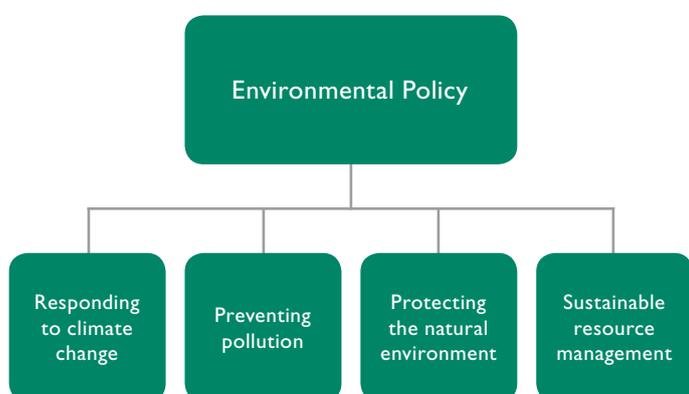
**Councillor Stephen Parnaby OBE**  
Leader of the Council



**Caroline Lacey**  
Chief executive



## → POLICY DIAGRAM AND OBJECTIVES



## → ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES

In order to deliver against the aims of this policy a number of environmental objectives and targets have been set. These environmental objectives are listed in the Environmental Policy Action Plan. This plan highlights the role that the council's existing policy framework will take in delivering against these objectives.

## → PERFORMANCE EVALUATION AND REPORTING (ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT)

Sustainable development, working with relevant lead officers/teams, will collate monitoring and performance information for each of the environmental objectives to produce an annual evaluation of performance known as the Environmental Statement.

## → EAST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES

- To improve the resilience of council services, and local communities, against the predicted impacts of climate change.
- To increase awareness of environmental requirements when procuring products and services (considering whole life cycles).
- To prevent pollution incidents caused by council activity and be prepared to respond to potential emergency situations.
- To reduce the environmental impact of waste from across council activities by implementing effective waste management controls.
- To reduce the environmental impact of council vehicles and business travel.
- To support East Riding of Yorkshire residents and businesses to reduce their environmental impacts.
- To conserve biodiversity when exercising council activity and through partnership work.
- To maintain an Environmental Management System to meet the requirements of ISO14001:2015.
- To improve efficiency of energy and water use across council activities.

