



Environmental Policy

Revision and Control

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1. **Policy Statement**

Three Crosses Community Council, hereafter shown as the Council, recognises that its operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment. Our whole approach is to bring about change in society, in the community, in groups and in individuals and this should include positive change around any impact we have on environmental issues. As a consequence, The Council is committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance and the prevention of pollution. Environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice will be regarded as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.

2. **Objectives**

At the Council we will:

- 2.1 Use natural resources prudently and minimise the generation of wastes
- 2.2 Contribute to the protection and improvement of the built, historic and natural environment.
- 2.3 Enable the community to increase their awareness and understanding of environmental issues, and to acquire skills for environmentally responsible behaviour and action.
- 2.4 Monitor, evaluate and constantly seek ways of improving our environmental performance.

3. **Best Practice**

This policy will ensure that it:-

- 3.1 Is appropriate to the nature and environmental impacts of our activities/services.
- 3.2 Includes a commitment to continuous improvement.
- 3.3 Includes a commitment to comply with relevant legislation.
- 3.4 Is communicated to all employees, volunteers and clients where appropriate.



4. **Responsibility for Products**

Wherever possible the organisation will consider the environmental impacts of the products it uses or purchases.

4.1 **Resource Use**

We will endeavour to conserve resources through efficient use and careful planning. This shall include a reduction in our energy and water usage.

4.2 **Waste Management**

A primary part of the organisation's environmental strategy is sustainable waste management and as such we recognise our responsibilities to recycle materials wherever possible. We will minimise waste, and will dispose of all waste through safe and responsible methods.

5. **Business Journeys**

5.1 Whenever possible and practical, staff should be encouraged to use public transport.

5.2 Staff should endeavour to car share when travelling on business.

6. **Environmental Awareness**

The Environmental Policy and accompanying guidelines will be disseminated to all current staff and volunteers and will also be included as part of the induction of new staff. The Trust will implement the policy through guidelines and training in order to motivate staff to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible manner. The Policy Statement will be displayed at all offices of the organisation.

7. **Audit**

The organisation will conduct an annual self-evaluation of our performance in implementing these principles and in complying with all applicable laws and regulations.

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