

Pendine Community Council

Environment and Sustainability Policy

Energy

Pendine Community Council aims to reduce the impact on climate change through the prudent use of energy. We will act with restraint and efficiency when using energy and rely increasingly on renewable energy sources such as solar and wind

- All lighting to use low energy bulbs
- Ensure computer equipment is set to go to standby when left for a short period and equipment turned off at night
- To minimise the impact of the energy used by supporting renewable energy sources. (Good energy, Ecotricity)
- Develop target for the proportion of electricity from renewables and investment in new schemes (Micro generation such as wind turbine, p.v solar panel)
- Work towards fully insulating the business premises.
- Keep regular records of energy use.

Resource Management and Waste Disposal

Pendine Community Council aims to reduce, reuse and recycle waste and purchase content and reused goods wherever possible. This includes office/kitchen equipment, furniture and paper products.

Reduction

- Avoid excess packaging
- Avoid unnecessary printing and duplicating – think before you print
- Use both sides of the paper when printing
- Circulation of written information by e-mail and instead of printing where appropriate
- Avoid disposable in favour of reusable items

Reuse

- Reuse plastic bags and boxes
- Reuse envelopes
- Use blank sides of printed paper for notes or draft copies

- Purchase refurbished/second hand items wherever possible

Recycling

- Recycling collection bins are placed throughout the building
- Paper, glass, cans and cardboard is collected by a local firm and recycled within the county
- Recycle electronic equipment, cartridges, toners and batteries
- Organic waste to be composted
- Inform and advise all staff and visitors

Purchasing

Pendine Community Council aim to reduce unnecessary consumption, support ethical trading, the local economy and maximise the positive benefits of its own financial activities and the council will give preference to suppliers who subscribe to sustainable development principles

- Give preference to fair trade, local, organic, non animal tested and “green” goods
- Purchase recycled paper, stationary and printed documents
- Purchase all energy from renewable supplies
- Give preference to eco-design products and those with recycled content
- Avoid polluting products – select natural or biodegradable where possible
- Encourage milk deliveries by local milkman with reusable glass bottles
- Inform and advise all staff and clients

Transport

Pendine Community Council aims to reduce the detrimental impacts of transport through individual work – related car use where possible

- To minimise the impact of necessary business travel by maximising the use of public transport, walking or cycling
- Investigate becoming carbon neutral (Offset Carbon emissions by tree planting initiatives or investing in projects)

- Car sharing is encouraged whenever possible for members and at events
- Inform and advise all staff

Water

Pendine Community Council aims to reduce fresh water consumption where possible

- Water Saving devices fitted in all toilets
- Where possible develop grey water harvesting
- Inform and advise all staff & visitors

Maintenance and cleaning

Pendine Community Council aims to minimise its environmental impact through work-place risk assessment and select non-hazardous products and supplies.

- All equipment should be serviced as necessary to ensure optimum efficiency and longevity
- Cleaning materials are bio-degradable, do not contain harmful solvents or propellants and have not been tested on animals.
- When replacing goods, sustainable products will be purchased.
- Inform and advise all staff

Banking and Financial Transactions

Money should be invested and accounts held with ethical banking companies that promote ethical and environmental beliefs.

Social Responsibility

- To support local businesses and contribute to our local community and the environment
- Purchase products and use suppliers locally wherever practical.
- Advise clients on developing environmental and sustainable policies.
- Inform and advise all staff

The Environmental Management System should be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure relevance to business aims and objectives.

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