



COUNTY IN THE  
COMMUNITY

*Providing Opportunities: Enhancing Lives*

# Environmental Policy

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## **Environmental Policy**

County in the Community acknowledges the connection between the climate and other environmental crises and the threat of current and future homelessness, disease, food and water shortages and poverty for millions of people around the world, as well as the major damage being caused to our natural eco-systems.

It therefore recognises its responsibility to reduce its carbon and environmental footprints and formally commits itself to being an environmentally responsible charity.

To take this forward it commits to the following actions:

### **Management**

1. County in the Community mandates the CEO to take executive responsibility for taking forward and implementing this commitment.

They are also requested to report annually on progress made, including statistical information on County in the Community's annual:

- Energy carbon footprint
- Electricity
- Transport fuel
- Total waste production
- % of waste recycled
- % vegetarian meals provided
- Total paper consumption
- % Recycled paper
- % Renewable energy used
- Any other relevant environmental criteria.

This annual environmental report will be presented at the same meeting as the annual accounts.

2. County in the Community's annual impact report will include a summary of this annual environmental audit of the charity.
3. Progress on improvement of County in the Community's environmental performance will be reported to the senior management team meetings on an interim basis.
4. All staff contracts will include a clause stating that staff will be expected to help County in the Community in carrying out its aim of being an environmentally responsible organisation, in how they carry out their day-to-day duties.
5. Induction procedures for new staff will include information on the charity's environmental practices.

6. For large procurement contracts, County in the Community will ask suppliers for their environmental policies and for evidence of implementation of such policies and indicate that such performance will be used as criteria for supplier selection.
7. County in the Community will seek to have relevant environmental clauses included in any future contracts agreed with outside bodies.
8. County in the Community will include environmental responsibility training in any future staff training programmes, especially for those involved in providing advice to vulnerable clients.
9. County in the Community will observe existing environmental legislation as a minimum standard and seek to out-perform current legislative requirements where practical.
10. County in the Community will develop and maintain a sustainable transport policy for their staff, seeking to reduce unnecessary travel and making the transport that is necessary as sustainable as possible and will monitor progress annually.
11. County in the Community will seek support and advice from external environmental experts and organisations to actively reduce the charities impact on the environment

Review – This environmental policy shall be reviewed annually upon its adoption.

## **Resources**

County in the Community Sustainability Health Check:



Sustainability Health  
Check Report

[Resources | Centre for Sustainable Energy \(cse.org.uk\)](https://www.cse.org.uk)

[Wales Climate Week 2021](#)

Welsh Government Resources and [Policies](#) on Climate Change

A Globally Responsible Wales [Poster](#)



# Eco-Code

## Transport

*'Gently encourage our staff and customers to follow the 'good practice guidelines' around healthy travel*

[Healthy Travel Wales - Home](#)

## Energy

*'Reduce our energy use by upgrading carefully monitoring our use of energy going forward'*

## Waste

*'Continue to reduce, reuse and recycle wastes that do arise and dispose of any residual wastes in a responsible way'*

[Reduce Reuse Recycle](#)

## Office

*'Implement best practice procurement for office and consumables'*

## Green Events

*'Ensure that our outreach events and activities follow best practice in 'green' event management'*



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