



SOUTHERN CIVIC AMENITY SITE BOARD ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Environmental Policy 2019

This Policy is a written commitment of the Board's agreed position on the environment within which it operates.

The Southern Recycling Centre recognises that the work it carries out has a large impact on the environment in terms of waste generation, use of energy and pollution.

This Policy sets out the Board's commitment to use reasonably practicable means to reduce its carbon footprint, improve recycling, minimise waste and work with others to reduce the environmental impact of its operations.

In working toward this Policy, the Board will ensure its operations are conducted in accordance with the relevant legislation, regulations and where practicable, industry best practice.

The Southern Recycling Centre commits to:

- Work with suppliers and contractors to reduce the requirement for journeys, and to use recyclable and renewable materials where possible;
- Work with other amenity sites and local authorities to identify and reduce duplication of resources;
- Actively work with suppliers and contractors who engage in green practices;
- Strive for operational efficiencies in all areas to reduce fuel usage and carbon emissions, and prevent contamination of land or watercourses;
- Regularly review and seek to minimise the environmental impact of all its work activities;
- Investigate alternative energy solutions;
- Encourage staff and site users to recycle material where practicably possible;
- Consider where appropriate, accredited programs to offset the carbon emissions generated by its activities; and

- Educate, engage and train its workforce to fulfil the requirements of this Policy.

Partnership Working

Working closely with other organisations, groups and individuals, where appropriate, to further the aims of this policy.

Objective Setting

Continually improving our environmental performance by setting realistic but challenging objectives and targets and regularly reviewing our progress.

Legal Compliance

Complying with relevant environmental legislation, policies and other voluntary commitments through incorporation of the best economically achievable environmental practice in service delivery.

Environmental Management Systems

Operating and extending environmental management systems to control, monitor and enhance our environmental performance and communicating this policy to all employees and contractors.

Purchasing and Contracts

Including relevant environmental requirements when decisions are taken on contracts and service level agreements and working with contracted organisations and partners where appropriate to pursue improved environmental standards.

Freedom of Information

Promoting freedom of information to the public about the Board's environmental performance against published targets.

Environmental Education

Fostering awareness and responsibility and encouraging enjoyment and appreciation of the environment amongst elected members, employees, the general public and particularly children and young people through information, awareness-raising and environmental education.

Policy Review

Reviewing this environment policy at least every 3 years in view of changes to the Board's activities and priorities in light of new local, national and international developments.

