



MILLOM TOWN COUNCIL ENVIRONMENTAL & SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

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1. Policy Statement:

Millom Town Council aims to carry out all activities with environmental efficiency, actively seeking to protect and enhance the local environment and biodiversity within its area of operation whilst endeavouring to ensure wider adverse environmental impact does not occur as a result.

Millom Town Council is committed to protecting and enhancing biodiversity and nature. Our biodiversity policy encourages habitat creation and restoration and helps create green corridors and greenspace networks.

2. Context:

Millom Town Council will consider the impact its activities have on both climate change and biodiversity issues and will endeavour to introduce measures that either mitigate negative outcomes or actively support beneficial outcomes where this is practicable and affordable within resources and financial capabilities of the council.

Millom Town Council will specifically consider the following:

1. The impact that operating its assets has on the environment
2. The impact that goods and services it produces, including the environmental commitment of its suppliers has on the environment.
3. Where possible and appropriate, replace environmentally inefficient assets with environmentally friendly alternatives
4. The impact that execution of Millom Town Council's activities may have on Commit to the sustainability and environmental elements.

3. Aims:

Millom Town Council will aim to:

1. Minimise the consumption of all resources used in its operations, particularly in respect of the buildings and equipment that it uses and all administration of activities.
2. Millom Town Council will look at contractors and suppliers and assess the environmental policies that they use, also ensure that the policies are regularly reviewed and updated and bench marked against best practice examples.

3. Millom Town Council will support all local initiatives aimed at climate change and or Biodiversity protection or enhancement.

4. Principles:

Millom Town Council will:

1. Millom Town Council will commit to leading by example and setting standards in the field of sustainability & regularly update and improve standards in light of increased understanding and knowledge.
2. Commit to the sustainability and environmental elements of all relevant legislation and regulations, these will be reviewed regularly and reasonable controls put in place when required.
3. Millom Town Council will promote walking, cycling as of the Iron Line Project, also look at the usage of public transport to visitors and residents.
4. Millom Town Council will look to always use Local Sustainable Products and Services.
5. Millom Town Council will respect and protect natural resources by practicing conservation and good management practices by:
 - a. Improving utility consumption through investing in energy technologies (eg: the use of low power street lighting). Millom Town Council will also look at water efficiency (e.g: finding alternatives to using tap water for watering council vegetation at the parks and recreational areas).
 - b. Millom Town Council will always look at ways of recycling and reusing waste materials where possible
 - c. Millom Town Council will avoid the creation of unnecessary waste by always looking at the purchasing of items that will create unnecessary waste
6. Commit to the prevention of pollution and compliance with relevant legislation and other requirements such as using the services of sympathetic contractors and lighting solutions that do not cause wildlife disturbing light pollution and disposing of all necessary waste through safe and responsible methods
7. Millom Town Council will look at sending minimum organic waste to landfill (the use of compost heaps at Millom Park for grass cuttings etc)
8. Millom Town Council will always look at protecting the towns architectural and historic aspects and protecting waterways
9. Millom Town Council will encourage wildlife such as birds and bees via the use of suitable plants including perennials
10. Millom Town Council will always encourage members and employees to take responsibility for ensuring that the best

environmental policy and procedures are used and adhered to at all times.

5. Review:

This document will be reviewed annually by Millom Town Council.

Signed: Chair Dated: 28th January 2026