



## **Liss Parish Council Environmental Policy**

All activities have some impact upon the environment. Liss Parish Council (“LPC”) recognises its responsibilities to minimise the impact its operations have on the environment to the benefit of LPC and local residents.

### **1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to establish broad objectives to enable the development of activities or procedures that will minimise negative effects on the general environment and enhance and protect LPC’s immediate environs.

### **2 KEY PRINCIPLES**

- 2.1 To strive to make a positive contribution to protecting and enhancing the local and global environment.
- 2.2 To be mindful of the fact that LPC’s actions often have an impact on the environment when decision-making.
- 2.3 Where relevant to build environmental considerations and sustainability into LPC policies.
- 2.4 To minimise environmental pollution and waste in LPC activities and encourage the conservation, reuse and appropriate recycling of resources within Liss Parish.
- 2.5 To reduce the effect of adverse impacts, LPC will aim to embrace the following objectives:
  - 2.5.1 Minimise material consumption and consider the lifecycle impact of any purchase.
  - 2.5.2 Reduce waste and re-use material wherever possible and in particular to reduce the use of single-use plastic where possible.
  - 2.5.3 Embrace recycling opportunities to reuse waste.
  - 2.5.4 Improve the quality of its working environment.
  - 2.5.5 Minimise CO<sub>2</sub> emissions produced by LPC activities.
  - 2.5.6 Minimise energy use and emissions to air.
  - 2.5.7 Encourage suppliers to improve their environmental performance.
  - 2.5.8 Encourage users of LPC owned grounds and allotments to raise their environmental performance.
  - 2.5.9 Conserving biodiversity on LPC owned grounds and allotments and to manage the same so as to encourage wildlife and plant-life where appropriate.

### **3 SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIONS**

- 3.1 Energy Efficiency
  - 3.1.2 LPC is committed to responsible energy management and will, where possible, promote energy efficiency through its operations by the following actions:
    - 3.1.2.1 Increase awareness of energy efficiency amongst employees.
    - 3.1.2.2 Recommend energy conservation technology where applicable (including installation of low energy light bulbs, low water use toilets);
    - 3.1.2.3 Monitor heating controls;
    - 3.1.2.4 Encourage all users of LPC venues to close windows and external doors;
    - 3.1.2.5 Encourage all users of LPC venues to switch off unnecessary lights;
    - 3.1.2.6 Encourage staff to switch off computers, VDUs, printers and photocopiers when not in use.

## Recycling and Conservation

- 3.2.1 Where possible, the office and ground staff should recycle or re-use any recyclable material.
- 3.2 Water Conservation
  - 3.3.1 Where possible conserve water on allotments and ensure taps are switched off from November to March.
- 3.3 Cleaning Materials
  - 3.4.1 Cleaning fluids, polishes and glues etc. should be as environmentally least damaging as possible.
  - 3.4.2 Use of environmentally harmful solvents are to be avoided.
- 3.4 Office Equipment
  - 3.5.1 Generally, new equipment will be selected from product ranges with good environmental standards and ratings, both in use and disposal.
- 3.5 Local Sourcing
  - 3.6.1 Where possible LPC will seek to minimise environmental damage caused through transportation of goods by sourcing materials locally. This also has the positive effect of supporting the local economy.

## **4 PURCHASING**

- 4.1 Where possible purchasing decisions will take account of both environmental and value for money factors.

## **5 GENERAL**

- 5.1 Each employee and LPC member will:
  - 5.1.1 Take responsibility for the implementation of the Environmental Policy.
  - 5.1.2 Encourage volunteers and members of other organisations to adopt good practices so as to improve the environmental performance of LPC and to improve its impact upon the environment.

## **6 REVIEW**

- 6.1 This policy will be reviewed three years from the date of adoption by LPC.

*Adopted by LPC on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021.*

*To be reviewed in 2024.*