

## **Borough of Poole Sustainability Policy**

### **Adopted by Council 18<sup>th</sup> April 2000**

**The Borough of Poole is committed to caring for the environment and the principle of sustainability. Our vision of Poole is of a beautiful place to live, work, learn and play that we take pride in passing on to future generations. To achieve our vision we will integrate the principles of sustainability across all our activities and encourage others to do the same. We intend to achieve continual, measurable improvements in our environmental performance over and above our regulatory and legislative responsibilities.**

#### **1. In all our activities our aim shall be to:**

- 1.1 Reduce the consumption of energy, water and other natural resources and ensure that those we use are used efficiently.
- 1.2 Minimise the production of waste and reduce the impact of its disposal.
- 1.3 Reduce or prevent pollution.
- 1.4 Protect and enhance the diversity of nature.
- 1.5 Increase the use of local resources to satisfy local needs.
- 1.6 Pursue the social, health and economic needs of the local community while setting limits on our environmental impacts.

#### **2 In our operations we will:**

- 2.1 Work corporately to place sustainability and Agenda 21 at the heart of our policies and programmes.
- 2.2 Develop and implement systems to monitor Council policies and programmes against sustainability criteria.
- 2.3 Consider the environmental consequences of all our present and future activities and adopt working practices that minimise damage to the environment.
- 2.4 Limit the risk of environmental accidents and ensure emergency plans are in place should such an eventuality occur.
- 2.5 Ensure that all Council suppliers recognise and address environmental matters relating to their products and services, and encourage environmental standards equivalent to our own.
- 2.6 Look for continuous improvement and report publicly on our environmental performance.

#### **3 To achieve this we will use our influence as a unitary authority to:**

- 3.1 Foster a shared sense of purpose and responsibility amongst all the people of Poole toward sustainable development.
- 3.2 Educate the community and raise awareness about sustainability through all our service areas, recognising that our education service has a particularly important role with the young people of Poole.
- 3.3 Encourage others to behave in a sustainable manner through good example and practice.
- 3.4 Work in partnership with other organisations to promote the social, environmental and economic well-being of Poole.

