

## **Fairlight Parish Council**

### **ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY**

#### **1. Introduction**

1.1 The purpose of this policy is to identify and reduce the environmental impact that the Parish Council's activities and policies have on its community, and to make a positive contribution to the wider environmental issues surrounding climate change and resource depletion.

1.2 Fairlight Parish Council accepts its responsibilities towards the environment and will take environmental considerations into account in all decision making throughout the Council's activities. The Parish Council is committed to minimising any adverse impact on the environment arising from its policies and working practices.

#### **2. Objectives**

2.1 The overall objectives of Fairlight Parish Council towards the environment are:

- to conserve energy and other resources
- to protect air quality by minimising harmful emissions from buildings and transport for which the Parish Council has responsibility or influence
- to reduce the amount of waste generated by the Parish Council
- to follow methods of disposal that reduce the impact on the environment
- to provide guidance to employees, Parish Councillors and others in minimising the need for unnecessary use of transport which has a detrimental effect on the environment

2.2 Specifically, Fairlight Parish Council will:

- pursue a green transport plan that will lead to a reduction in vehicle emissions
- reduce demand for energy, improve energy efficiency and utilise renewable energy technologies where appropriate
- work with contractors and suppliers to achieve standards, in both purchasing and disposal, which minimise environmental impact
- promote the waste hierarchy, recycling and the use of recycled materials and resources sourced from sustainable, ethical and local sources
- promote the conservation and enhancement of various landscapes to include biodiversity, buildings, water courses, trees etc., as well as cultural and historic interests, through the Parish Council's own activities and through its work with others
- encourage environmental best practice amongst its employees, contractors and members of the community
- reduce waste and make the best use of resources by encouraging employees, members of the community and suppliers to reduce, recycle, reuse and compost