

Agenda Item: 5.4	
Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin Board Meeting	
Date of meeting:	06 July 2016
Title:	Environmental Policy
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For Decision	
Executive Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Financial Implications:	None specifically
Equality and Diversity:	None specifically
Public Engagement:	None specifically
Legal Impact:	None specifically
Recommendations:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin board are recommended to adopt this policy
Is there a need to consider inclusion in the Corporate Risk Register?	No

Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin Environmental Policy

Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin believes that organisation is responsible for achieving good environmental practice and operating in a sustainable manner. We recognise that our activities have an impact on the environment in terms of the use of raw materials, emissions to air and water and waste generation, and seek to minimise this as far as is reasonably practicable.

Healthwatch Telford & Wrekin with Telford and Wrekin Council and the Local Strategic Partnership is committed to a shared ambition for a 'sustainable green community' - Vision 2026. Our Environmental Policy supports this goal.

We will ensure that all Healthwatch operations are fully compliant with environmental legislation whilst protecting and enhancing our local environment.

We will use our powers and influence to make continual improvement in our environmental performance, as set out below:

Climate Protection

- Reduce our emissions of greenhouse gases and work with linked organisations to achieve reductions in the Telford and Wrekin.
- Manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Creating a Quality Local Environment

- Prevent or reduce levels of pollution to air, water and land wherever practical through the use of non-polluting techniques and practices.

Use of Natural Resources

- Maximise energy and water-saving measures in our building. Ensuring processes and good working practice is in place to enable this.
- Promote sustainable modes of transportation.
- Minimise waste going to landfill through the principles of reduction, re-use and recycling. Ensuring processes and good working practice is in place to enable this.
- Procure sustainable goods and services.

Enable sustainable development which will enhance the built and natural environment

- Encourage generation and use of renewable energy as and when able.

Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment and Biodiversity.

- Incorporate biodiversity into Healthwatch strategies, plans and programmes of work.
- Protect and enhance biodiversity within the Office environment and whilst out in the community.
- Promote the social benefits of biodiversity in the delivery of health and social services and support access to nature for the local community.

Delivery Responsibilities Leadership and support for the policy will be provided within Healthwatch through the elected Board member and staff member responsible. Its delivery is the overall responsibility of the Chair of the Board. Key strategies will help to deliver the various aims contained in the policy.

Communication We will promote this policy to all staff, contractors, suppliers, volunteers and the public and service providers we come into contact with to support them to improve their environmental performance.

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