**Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin**

**Environment Policy**

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# Policy

Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin recognises that good environmental management is an essential part of overall community good practice. Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin will therefore strive to adopt the highest available environmental standards in all its areas of operation.

Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin will ensure that all of its operations are fully compliant with environmental legislation.

# Use of Natural Resources

Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin will:

* Maximise energy-saving measures in our offices by ensuring that electrical equipment is turned off at the socket when not in use.
* Promote sustainable modes of transportation and car share where appropriate.
* Minimise waste going to landfill through the principles of reduction, re-use, recycling and composting.
* Procure sustainable goods and services wherever possible

# Conserve and Enhance the Natural Environment

Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin will clear up after taking part in public events, and dispose of waste using the principles above.

# Responsibilities

While it is the responsibility of each representative of Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin to promote our environmental policy. Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin will identify an Environmental champion who, if not a board member, will advise the board on such matters.

# Communication

Healthwatch Telford and Wrekin will involve staff, board directors, volunteers and others associated with Healthwatch as much as possible, both in implementing this policy internally, and in disseminating information externally about its progress in improving environmental standards. We will do this by making our policy publicly available, and by making it clear to new staff and volunteers as part of the induction process.