

Wiltshire Council Energy Policy

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Scope

Wiltshire Council is a unitary authority located in the South West of England and is responsible for providing a wide range of services, ranging from waste management and social care to schools and leisure facilities. The council operates more than 800 sites, many of which are rural and rely on stored fuels. This policy aims to reduce energy consumption and reliance on fossil fuels. The scope of this policy will cover all Wiltshire Council services that are provided either directly or through contractors.

Statement of commitment

Wiltshire Council is committed to responsible energy management with continual improvement as part of our wider environmental and property management strategy. This energy policy sets out the authority's aims and objectives that will be used to assess our progress.

Key goals

Wiltshire Council is committed to the following aims:

- Ensuring full compliance with all energy legislation and official codes of practice
- Procuring cost-effective, sustainable energy
- Actively promoting energy efficiency in all of the buildings from which services are provided
- Reducing CO₂ emissions per unit of energy consumed

The Council is committed to implementing an energy management system and gaining BS 16001 accreditation. This will set a framework for the future and provide evidence of our commitment to good practice.

How the goals will be achieved

To meet long term corporate commitments, improvements will be implemented in five key objective areas. Progress will be reviewed using the objectives set in each area.

1. Management Objectives

- Embed energy efficiency issues within all services
- Set and publish targets against which performance can be measured, reporting this frequently to senior management
- Provide information and assistance on energy issues relating to services and contracts

2. Monitoring & Targeting Objectives

- Set up and maintain an effective monitoring and targeting system
- Continually improve the quality and coverage of the system
- Use the system to regularly identify and review cost effective energy efficiency measures

3. Performance Objectives

- Set SMART targets for installing practical and technical improvements in buildings, reducing energy consumption, use of fossil fuels and increasing quantity of renewable energy used.

4. Building Design & Maintenance Objectives

- Develop a standard for energy efficiency in new and refurbished buildings
- Require the adoption of energy efficient measures where possible

5. Awareness & Training Objectives

- Maintain and develop a culture of staff responsibility for energy
- Communicate the performance of the council to all staff
- Raise awareness and provide appropriate training to all building users on energy management issues utilising the Council's Green Champions Network where appropriate

Reporting and review

Performance against these objectives will be monitored through Corporate and Service Delivery Plans and through National Indicators or their replacement. Strategic Property Services will be responsible for reporting on these objectives. Meeting the objectives is the responsibility of all Council building occupiers.

Signed Cllr Sturgis

Cabinet Member for Waste, Property & Environment

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