

Energy Policy

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 around 800 sites, many of which are rural and rely on stored fuels. This policy aims to improve energy performance and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. The scope of this policy will cover all statutory and discretionary services provided by Wiltshire Council directly or through its contractors to the communities of Wiltshire.

Statement of commitment

Wiltshire Council is committed to responsible energy management with continual improvement in energy performance as part of its wider environmental and property management strategy. This energy policy sets out the council's aims and objectives that will be used to assess its progress. Energy performance includes: energy use, the manner or kind of application of energy; energy consumption, the amount of energy used; and energy efficiency, the relationship between energy output and energy input.

Key goals

Wiltshire Council is committed to the aims stated below.

- Ensuring full compliance with all legislation and official codes of practice related to energy use, consumption and efficiency.
- Procuring cost-effective, sustainable energy.
- Improving the energy performance of procured goods and services when assessed over their operating lifetime.
- Improving energy performance in the design of new, modified and renovated facilities, equipment, systems and processes.
- Actively promoting energy performance improvement in all of the buildings from which services are provided.
- Reducing Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions per unit of energy consumed.

The council is committed to implementing an energy management system and gaining BS ISO 50001 certification. This will set a framework for the future and provide evidence of the council's commitment to good practice.

How the goals will be achieved

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

1. Management objectives

- Embed a responsibility of energy performance improvement in all services.
- Set and publish targets against which performance can be measured, reporting this frequently to senior management.
- Provide information and appropriate resources necessary to achieve objectives and targets.

2. Monitoring & targeting objectives

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

3. Performance objectives

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

4. Building design & maintenance objectives

- Develop a standard for energy performance in new and refurbished buildings.
- Require the adoption of energy performance improvement measures where possible.

5. Awareness raising & training objectives

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

Reporting and review

Performance against these objectives will be monitored through the ECO board. Strategic Property Services and the Energy Resilience team will be responsible for reporting on these objectives. Meeting the objectives is the responsibility of all council services and contractors.

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