

Resource Efficiency and Greenhouse Gas Emission Policy

We are committed to being resource efficient and reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from our operations to demonstrate leadership and deliver the related environmental, health and economic benefits from this commitment. We have set a target to be net carbon neutral by 2030 for our activities.

We will:

1. Continually and systematically improve our performance in energy use, management of GHG emissions, solid waste generation and water use through the implementation, monitoring and review of policies, programmes and services.
2. Ensure the availability of resources and information regarding energy use, GHG emissions, solid waste generation and water use through data platforms with the aim to achieve objectives and targets.
3. Accept responsibility for complying with all applicable legal and other requirements related to energy use and efficiency.
4. Implement, where appropriate, practical and cost effective procurement of energy efficient, low GHG emission, low solid waste generation and water efficient products and services, including equipment and plant and the design of new buildings and building renovation projects.
5. Regularly review our own performance in energy use, management of GHG emissions, solid waste generation and water use, and publically report on our performance yearly.
6. Promote an awareness among staff with regard to the requirements of this Resource Efficiency and GHG Emission Policy.

Definitions for the purpose of this policy:

1. Resource efficient refers to using energy efficiently, reducing solid waste being sent to landfill or cleanfill and using water efficiently.
2. Greenhouse gas emissions refers to emissions to air including carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide, hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs), perfluorocarbons (PFCs) and sulphur hexafluoride (SF6).
3. Our operations refers to all Council assets, facilities and services delivered by the Council.

The purpose of this policy is to guide staff when making decisions that have an impact on resource use or GHG emission generation, as well as state Council's commitment to be resource efficient and to reduce GHG emissions from its operations.

The objective of this policy is for Council to become measurably more resource efficient and reduce its GHG emissions.

This policy is active from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2022. It will be reviewed after two years.



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