

Environmental Policy

Bradford Chamber of Commerce

The Bradford Chamber of Commerce works hard to support the needs of businesses in and around the Bradford area and to promote the services that they provide. Our current membership network of over 1,100 organisations ensures a unique link into a wide variety of business types within the district.

Member organisations are encouraged to use resources wisely and consider their environmental impacts. Many of the services offered by the Chamber actively encourage them to do so and we feel it appropriate to lead by example.

Our policy is to meet all relevant regulatory requirements and we will continually address the environmental impact of our operations.

We recognise that whilst our impact on the environment is minimal it is not non-existent. There is a constant need for review and improvement in the materials we use, the energy and water we consume and the waste we dispose of in order to preserve resources and reduce our contribution to landfill.

Through a procurement policy the Chamber aims to maximise the use of environmentally sound products and services by maintaining and increasing the use of local suppliers and, where possible, use materials that are least damaging to the environment.

Employee involvement in environmental matters is encouraged at all levels and all employees will be made aware of the company's environmental policy. The policy will be promoted through training, communications and a constant reappraisal of working methods and techniques.

Our Environmental Management System applies to all our activities and provides for the setting of objectives and targets. It is our aim to secure continual improvement in environmental performance.

The Chief Executive is committed to the implementation of this policy and will give full backing to all those authorised to execute the activities held within.

Bradford Chamber is committed to:

- 1. Increasing communication of policy, objectives and commitments**
- 2. Ensuring compliance with all future and current environmental legislation**
- 3. Maximising energy efficiency and reducing emissions by minimising and monitoring energy consumption**
- 4. Reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill**
- 5. Reducing consumption of raw materials**
- 6. Investigating the possibility of purchasing and utilising materials less damaging to the environment**
- 7. Using water efficiently by minimising and monitoring consumption on the premises**
- 8. Reducing the negative impacts associated with staff transport; and**
- 9. Promoting environmental best practice and initiatives to its wider membership.**

