



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARTER

This Council is committed to continuous environmental improvement and will adopt a set of policies that reflect its concern for the quality of the local and global environment.

The Council will:

- 1) Raise awareness of environmental issues amongst its staff and residents and work force of the town to encourage a greater responsibility towards the environment.
- 2) Aim to reduce its own energy consumption and promote energy conservation in Burgess Hill.
- 3) Purchase goods and services from environmentally accredited sources.
- 4) Encourage facilities and schemes that reuse, recycle or minimise waste both within the Council's operations and within the town generally.
- 5) Use environmentally "safe" methods for grounds maintenance and avoid the use of environmentally harmful pesticides.
- 6) Promote the use of composting and oppose the use of peat based products from non-sustainable sources.
- 7) Encourage the community to keep the town litter, dog excrement and graffiti free.
- 8) Involve the community in protecting and enhancing open spaces, trees, waters and hedgerows by encouraging the development of local nature conservation strategies and the residents groups to support them.
- 9) Promote cycling, walking and the use of public transport.
- 10) Monitor the Council's performance in accordance with the Environmental Charter by an annual audit.