

# Energy and Water Policy

## Purpose

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead is committed to securing best value in how it uses its resources and effective management of its utilities is an important part of delivering on this promise.

Energy and water are a significant expense to the Council, costing over £1 million every year. This policy sets out the Royal Borough's approach to robust and sustained energy and water management practices to ensure we continually improve energy performance.

The Council commits to the following objectives and practices;

## Members and Senior Officers

- Include energy and water management considerations in strategic decisions made by the Council to ensure best value
- Ensure that necessary information and resources are available to effectively manage energy and water
- Lead by example by embedding every day energy management techniques into working life to encourage all staff to consider their impact

## Energy Consumption

- Improve the energy performance of the Council
- Invest in energy and water efficient technology where this can provide best value to the Council
- Maintain an up-to-date strategy to manage energy and water

## Monitoring and Targeting

- Monitor energy and water consumption on an on-going basis to identify potential billing issues and opportunities for improvement to energy performance
- Ensure appropriate metering is installed in capital projects to enable effective management of utilities. This may include sub-metering for recharging partner organisations

## Engagement and Communication

- Engage with members and staff across the authority to ensure they are aware of the Council's commitments on energy and water management
- Require partner organisations to operate good energy management practices in line with the Council's ambitions

- Encourage suggestions and feedback on current energy management practices
- Report energy and water consumption annually, making it available online

### Procurement

- Purchase energy and water cost effectively, ensuring best value for residents
- Where practical, ensuring whole life costing is considered in Procurement decisions

### Legislation

- Comply with all current legislation relating to energy and water use
- Anticipate and prepare for future legislation where possible

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