



# **Sustainability & Biodiversity Policy**

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## **1. Introduction**

Campbell Park Community Council (CPCC) recognises that climate change, biodiversity loss and the sustainable management of natural resources are among the most significant challenges facing communities today.

The Council is committed to acting responsibly to reduce its environmental impact, enhance biodiversity, protect and improve CPCC managed green spaces, and support a sustainable and resilient community for current and future generations.

This Policy establishes the Council's commitment to environmental sustainability and biodiversity enhancement and provides the framework for delivering environmental improvements through the Council's Sustainability Action Plan, Biodiversity Action Plan and associated projects.

## **2. Statutory Biodiversity Duty**

Campbell Park Community Council recognises its responsibilities under Section 40 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006, as strengthened by the Environment Act 2021. The Council has a duty, in exercising its functions, to have regard to the purpose of conserving and enhancing biodiversity.

The Council acknowledges that biodiversity is essential to the health, wellbeing and resilience of the local environment and that public authorities have an important role in supporting nature recovery.

In fulfilling this duty, the Council will:

- Consider the impact of its decisions, activities, policies and land management practices on biodiversity.
- Seek opportunities to conserve and enhance habitats and species across land and assets under its management.
- Support local and national priorities for nature recovery where appropriate.
- Promote biodiversity awareness and encourage community participation in environmental improvement projects.
- Integrate biodiversity considerations into wider sustainability and climate action initiatives.
- Monitor progress and review actions through the Council's Sustainability and Biodiversity Action Plans.

The Council will strive to ensure that biodiversity enhancement is considered alongside social, economic and environmental factors when making decisions and delivering services.

### **3. Purpose**

The purpose of this Policy is to:

- Embed sustainability and biodiversity considerations into Council decision-making.
- Support action to address climate change.
- Protect and enhance wildlife, habitats and green infrastructure.
- Promote the sustainable use of resources.
- Encourage community participation in environmental initiatives.
- Ensure compliance with relevant environmental legislation and guidance.
- Support continual improvement in environmental performance.

### **4. Scope**

This Policy applies to:

- All Councillors.
- Council employees.
- Volunteers acting on behalf of the Council.
- Contractors and suppliers where appropriate.
- All Council-managed land, property, facilities and activities.

### **5. Our Vision**

CPCC will support the transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient and nature-rich community by:

- Reducing environmental impacts from Council operations.
- Conserving and enhancing biodiversity.
- Managing land and assets responsibly.
- Working in partnership with residents, local organisations and public bodies.

This vision reflects the Council's objective of supporting a "low-carbon, resilient and biodiverse community".

## **6. Policy Commitments**

### **6.1 Climate Change and Carbon Reduction**

The Council will:

- Seek to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from its activities.
- Improve energy efficiency within Council buildings and assets.
- Consider opportunities for renewable energy generation and use.
- Support practical measures that contribute to carbon reduction.
- Monitor and report progress through its Sustainability Action Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan.

### **6.2 Biodiversity and Nature Recovery**

The Council will:

- Conserve and enhance biodiversity across Council-managed land.
- Protect existing habitats and seek opportunities to create new habitats.
- Support nature recovery and rewilding initiatives where appropriate.
- Encourage native planting and habitat connectivity.
- Reduce the use of pesticides wherever practical.
- Consider biodiversity impacts when planning projects and managing Council-managed open spaces.
- Support measures that benefit pollinators, birds, mammals and other wildlife.
- Have regard to the statutory biodiversity duty when exercising its functions.
- Consider relevant Local Nature Recovery Strategies, biodiversity action plans and other environmental strategies affecting the CPCC area.
- Seek measurable biodiversity improvements on Council-managed land where practical and proportionate.
- Encourage the creation, protection and connectivity of habitats to support nature recovery.
- Monitor and report progress through its Sustainability Action Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan.

### **6.3 Land and Greenspace Management**

The Council will:

- Maintain Council-managed land in ways which support biodiversity and environmental sustainability.
- Encourage planting schemes that improve habitat diversity.
- Consider wildlife-friendly approaches to grassland and landscape management.
- Maintain a balance between public enjoyment, safety and ecological value.
- Work to enhance the environmental quality of Council-managed sites.

### **6.4 Sustainable Transport**

The Council will:

- Encourage walking, cycling, wheeling and public transport.
- Support initiatives that reduce reliance on fossil-fuelled transport.
- Promote access to sustainable travel options.
- Consider lower-emission alternatives when managing Council vehicles and assets.

### **6.5 Waste and Resource Management**

The Council will:

- Minimise waste generated through Council activities.
- Reduce paper consumption where practical.
- Promote reuse, repair and recycling.
- Eliminate or minimise single-use plastics wherever possible.
- Support a circular economy approach to purchasing and resource management.

### **6.6 Sustainable Procurement**

The Council will:

- Consider environmental impacts when purchasing goods and services.
- Seek value for money while taking account of sustainability considerations.
- Encourage suppliers and contractors to demonstrate responsible environmental practices.

- Consider product lifespan, repairability and disposal impacts when making purchasing decisions.

## **6.7 Community Engagement and Education**

The Council will:

- Promote awareness of environmental and biodiversity issues.
- Support community-led environmental initiatives.
- Encourage volunteering opportunities that improve local habitats and green spaces.
- Work with schools, community groups and partner organisations to promote sustainability.
- Publicise environmental achievements and opportunities for involvement.

## **6.8 Climate Resilience**

The Council will:

- Consider climate risks when making decisions.
- Support measures that improve resilience to flooding, extreme heat and other climate-related impacts.
- Promote sustainable land management and environmental improvements that contribute to local resilience on Council managed land.
- Work with partner organisations where appropriate to strengthen community preparedness.

## **7. Delivery**

This Policy will be implemented through:

- The Council's Sustainability Action Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Biodiversity enhancement projects.
- Council management plans and strategies.
- Annual programmes of environmental improvement.
- Community engagement and partnership working.

## **8. Monitoring and Review**

The Council will:

- Review progress annually through its Sustainability Action Plan and Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Publish annual report on sustainability activities.
- Monitor delivery of environmental and biodiversity objectives.
- Review this Policy every three years or earlier if required by legislation or significant changes in circumstances.

## **9. Responsibilities**

### **Council**

Council is responsible for approving and reviewing this Policy and monitoring overall performance.

### **Committees**

Responsible for overseeing implementation within their respective areas of responsibility, reporting to the Sustainability Committee who will then make recommendations to Council.

### **Officers**

Responsible for supporting delivery, monitoring progress and identifying opportunities for improvement.

### **Councillors**

Responsible for considering sustainability and biodiversity implications as part of Council decision-making.

## **Conclusion**

The Council recognises that addressing climate change and biodiversity loss are interconnected challenges. Through this Policy, Campbell Park Community Council commits to taking a balanced and practical approach that reduces environmental impact, enhances biodiversity, strengthens community resilience and contributes positively to a sustainable future for the CPCC area.

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