

Your Homes Newcastle Environmental Sustainability Policy Statement

Your Homes Newcastle currently manages 26,631 rented and 1465 leasehold properties on behalf of Newcastle City Council.

Vision

We want to achieve an excellent standard of environmental performance, improving the quality of the homes we manage, products we procure and support we offer to customers. This will help us to continue delivering high quality services to all customers, while reducing the environmental impact of the work we do.

Commitment

We will integrate environmental sustainability into the heart of our decision making processes. We will not only comply with all relevant local and national policy and legislation, but exceed minimum standards and achieve industry best practice.

Objectives

We have established a programme to review and monitor our environmental performance. To guide future improvement we have identified and adopted the following objectives:

- Understand and adapt to the impacts of climate change
- Improve energy and water efficiency of dwellings and office accommodation
- Improve environmental awareness and engagement amongst employees, customers and partners
- Improve awareness of and increase the use of sustainable materials and processes.
- Manage hazardous materials in compliance with regulation and seek less hazardous or non-hazardous alternatives
- Reduce waste across the organisation, promoting reuse and recycling where waste is unavoidable
- Tackle fly-tipping to improve the local environment and reduce pollution
- Seek opportunities to enhance the biodiversity of housing stock and land to build long-term ecological capacity and resilience
- Promote sustainable transport options for employees and partners
- Undergo regular external assessment of our activity and achieve a Gold level award through the Sustainable Homes Index For Tomorrow by the end of 2016

The Environmental Sustainability Coordinator is responsible for implementing and developing this policy. Progress will be driven through a detailed action plan, setting specific time-bound actions for each objective. The policy and the action plan will be reviewed biennially.

Signed on behalf of YHN by Chair of YHN Board, Olivia Grant _____