



BCP Sustainable Events Policy 2023

BCP Council recognises its duty to demonstrate leadership in the field of event sustainability management by conducting its event related activities in line with this Sustainability Policy.

The Council aims to minimise any negative impacts from event related activities through the implementation of sustainable event management plans ensuring that all events on BCP land become more ethical and sustainable, reducing their overall environmental impact. Working closely with other event organisers BCP Council will use our experience to ensure that said organisers follow the same guidelines to reduce the environmental impact of all events held on BCP land.

We believe we can make the most beneficial changes to our event related activities by focusing on the following key themes:

- Use energy efficiently, maximising the use of low carbon energy and renewable energy
- Reduce total waste produced by minimising consumption, using resources productively, increasing reuse and recycling, using refurbished, recycled and recyclable equipment, products and materials from accredited sustainable sources.
- Reduce the environmental impact of visitor travel by promoting sustainable transport use, and work with contractors to maximise the sustainability of our transport activities.
- Promote and encourage diversity and inclusion, ensuring services delivered are accessible, inclusive and appropriate
- Aim to ensure that directly procured food and catering products are produced sustainably and comply with animal-welfare standards
- Protect the infrastructure of venues and preserve our national heritage

We will ensure delivery of this policy through the following measures:

- Work closely with contractors, key stakeholders and the supply chain to ensure sustainability principles are integrated into all event management plans.
- Constantly review practices to ensure we meet our sustainability responsibilities and act as an exemplar
- Ensure compliance with relevant legislation
- Ensure the Event Sustainability Policy is brought to the attention of all employees and is publicly available online
- Review the Event Sustainability Policy on an annual basis.

In addition to the above the BCP Council Events Team will endeavour to:

- Reduce use of resources, concentrating on energy and waste.
- Avoid un-necessary travel – encouraging teleconferencing where appropriate
- Reduce the environmental impact of printed materials, replacing printed with online communications where possible.
- Support the use of environmentally friendly hotels/restaurants/cafes.
- Communicate our commitment to, and raise awareness of, environmental issues, promoting more sustainable behaviour in general and providing practical guidance and support wherever possible.