

Environmental Policy Statement



Wesley Methodist Church is committed to the positive protection of the environment - meeting the needs of the present without compromising those of the future.



We are committed to the prevention of pollution and minimising the impact of our actions on the environment. We recognise that in pursuing our activities, we have a responsibility and should take every opportunity to protect and nurture the environment. By exercising proper control over our activities we will promote the use of sustainable resources and discourage wasteful or damaging practices.



This policy statement applies to the premises and activities within the control of Wesley Methodist Church and has the following key objectives:

- ~ to promote sound environmental management practices throughout our organisations and activities;
- ~ as a minimum, to comply with the requirements of relevant legislation;
- ~ to make efficient and environmentally responsible use of energy and water;
- ~ to promote energy efficiency in the specification for new and refurbished buildings and equipment;
- ~ to promote environmentally responsible procurement of goods and services, requiring contractors and suppliers to demonstrate their compliance with environmental, energy efficiency and recycling guidelines, directives, and legislation;
- ~ to minimise waste production and to reuse or recycle waste where appropriate;
- ~ to reduce and, where practicable, prevent pollution;
- ~ to minimise the impact of transport on the environment by promoting minimal, responsible and appropriate use of vehicles in travelling to and from our premises and activities;
- ~ to minimise any adverse environmental impact of any property development or refurbishment, or decommissioning and disposal of church assets;
- ~ to maintain the church premises in an environmentally sensitive way;



The main responsibility for implementation of this policy lies with the Church Council and the Property Stewards. The Church Stewards and Organisational Leaders are responsible for ensuring compliance with this Environment Policy within their area of control.



Whilst the church accepts the main responsibility for implementation of this policy, individuals have a very important role in co-operating with those responsible for safeguarding the environment. We would encourage members, visitors and associates of the church and its organisations to respect and abide by any requirements made under the authority of this policy.