

Carmarthenshire Museums

Environmental Sustainability Policy

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Governing Body:
Carmarthenshire County Council

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This Environmental Sustainability Policy is informed by the Well-being of Future Generation (Wales) Act 2015 and Carmarthenshire County Council Corporate Strategy 2015-2020, which Carmarthenshire Museums as a Carmarthenshire County Council service is governed by.

This policy will guide the activities of Carmarthenshire County Museum, Parc Howard Museum, the Museum of Speed, and any future museum capital development schemes.

Carmarthenshire Museums subscribes to the Carmarthenshire County Council vision *“for a Carmarthenshire that enables people to live healthy and fulfilled lives by working together to build strong, bilingual and sustainable communities.”* (Integrated Community Strategy for Carmarthenshire 2011-2016)

Carmarthenshire Museums will support this vision and the sustainable development principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act as follows.

We will:

Place energy reduction at the forefront of museum capital development plans through improvements to insulation, heating efficiency, water consumption, lighting, and environmental monitoring.

Ensure new build schemes meet enhanced sustainability standards, such as BREEAM or Passivhaus.

Involve staff and volunteers in identifying and acting on changes in behaviours and actions to reduce our service’s energy consumption and water use.

Work with local partners and community groups to improve the quality of green spaces around our museums and ensure they are managed to conserve and promote biodiversity.

Communicate appropriate messages through our museum displays about environmental sustainability to help inform visitor attitudes and behaviours.

Take an environmentally sustainable approach to exhibitions, collections care and conservation.

Reduce waste by promoting more opportunities for re-using materials and recycling.

Adopt a sustainable approach to procurement where possible, including purchasing goods made from recycled materials, Fair Trade suppliers, and items produced locally.

Promote opportunities for travelling to museums using sustainable transport.

Prevent pollution to air, water and land through effective emergency planning.

Communicate our approach to environmental sustainability and publicise our achievements with staff and the public.