



# Isle of Man District Environment Policy

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## **Vision Statement**

As disciples of Christ, the Isle of Man District is committed to stewarding God's creation responsibly and lovingly. We recognise the urgent need to address the climate crisis, we strive to reduce our carbon footprint and promote sustainability within our churches, communities and across our Island.

## **Objectives**

1. **Promote Environmental Stewardship:** Encourage and support our chapels and congregations in integrating care for creation into their spiritual and communal life.
2. **Reduce Carbon Footprint:** Implement measures to significantly reduce the district's carbon emissions from district-owned properties and district-sponsored travel.
3. **Resource Allocation:** Allocate funds specifically for environmental initiatives that aid in carbon footprint reduction.
4. **Community Engagement:** Work collaboratively with local communities, CAIM, charities and other partners to foster broader participation in environmental sustainability.

## **Policies and Actions**

### **1. Sustainable Resource Management:**

- Support chapels in the transition to sustainable energy sources.
- Encourage the use of digital tools and resources to minimise paper usage.
- Implement recycling and waste reduction programs across all properties.



## **2. Energy and Emissions:**

- Conduct energy audits to assess and improve energy efficiency.
- Establish a plan to measure and track carbon emissions, with the aim to reduce these emissions by 25% by 2030.
- Promote the use of public transport, cycling, walking, and carpooling for church-related activities.

## **3. Education and Training:**

- Develop training modules for church leaders and members on sustainable practices and creation care.
- Hold annual workshops to share best practices and innovations in environmental stewardship.

## **4. Funding and Investments:**

- Review and adjust the criteria for the District Advance Fund to prioritise environmental projects.
- Provide grants and financial support to chapels for environmental projects, such as installing solar panels or energy-efficient heating systems.

## **5. Partnerships and Community Involvement:**

- Register as an eco-district through the Eco Church programme.
- Register as a district with <https://www.netzero.im/>
- Encourage all Island churches to register as Eco Churches
- Participate in community events such as Beach Buddies.
- Support and lead local environmental initiatives.



## **6. Policy Review and Update:**

- The District Environment Policy will be reviewed annually by the District Policy Committee to ensure its relevance and effectiveness.
- Feedback from chapels and community partners will be sought to inform policy updates.

## **Implementation and Monitoring**

The implementation of this policy will be overseen by a nominated district eco-lead, who will coordinate with the District Policy Committee and liaise with the Action for Hope Implementation Officer for support and guidance. Progress reports will be presented annually at the District Synod.

## **Conclusion**

Through these commitments, the Isle of Man District aims to witness to the love of God by caring for His creation, promoting sustainability, and living out our calling as stewards of the Earth.