

ENVIRONMENTAL OUTCOMES



What role do councils play in creating an attractive and welcoming environment? While also supporting people to take pride in, and look after their local environment?



CULTURE AND LEISURE

Beautiful and well-maintained parks and open spaces contribute enormously to creating a positive and attractive local environment. Culture and leisure services offer opportunities for the local community

to get involved, be that a litter pick in the local area, or volunteering as a guide at a local museum. Green infrastructure plays an important role in community health by reducing health risks from traffic, air pollution, noise, flooding and temperature extremes.



ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Environmental services play an important role in creating an attractive and welcoming environment day-to-day and for the longer term, they keep the streets clean and deliver waste services. They protect Scotland's landscapes and biodiversity by preventing

waste in rivers and hazardous chemicals getting into the soil which can harm plants. They lead on active transport strategies, which enables more residents to use local streets to walk and cycle and encourages knowledge and pride in their local area. Their increasing role in the sale and distribution of energy provides a step change in carbon reduction initiatives.



HOUSING

Offering good quality housing and well-maintained neighbourhoods fosters pride and ownership in communities. Housing services often offer opportunities to

tenants/residents/community groups to influence decisions on development and improvements in local neighbourhoods. Well-insulated and energy efficient homes can help reduce both fuel poverty and carbon emissions.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Planning services are important in ensuring that local areas are well designed, and that new developments are built on brownfield sites where possible. Planning

also ensures that local areas are people friendly and not too car oriented, thus enabling active transport and good use of land. Good urban planning preserves open space, farmland and critical environmental areas. Economic development services support local business to make use of low carbon business opportunities and to adapt to a changing climate.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Education plays an important role in helping children learn about the environment and supporting them to

protect and improve both their local community, and the wider world.



CORPORATE SERVICES

Corporate services help improve the local environment: by increasing efficiencies which release money for environmental services; through high quality recruitment

support to get the best staff in environmental services; and through IT services, where they support the development of better reporting mechanisms such as apps and user-friendly websites, which allows the more efficient deployment of staff.