



Bradford City Council

Bradford city council has an environment O&S committee with responsibility for sustainability. In its first year it set out to: review the local state of the environment; produce an annual report on the council's impact on the environment; host a conference or debate on environmental issues.

City of Bradford MBC is currently a hung council (Conservative / Liberal Democratic) with a conservative Leader. It established its new political structure in December 1999, well in advance of the legislation. It has five overview & scrutiny committees that cover discrete functions and are chaired by different political parties (two Con, two Labour, one Lib Dem).

Of the five overview & scrutiny committees one covers environment – including sustainability, pollution, countryside, waste management UDP, highways matters. In Bradford O&S are responsible for Best Value reviews, which means that the sustainability aspects of each service review are scrutinised by the committee. The committee is chaired by the former chair of the Local Agenda 21 steering group and has set out a work programme that includes:

- commissioning a review of the state of the environment of the district
- producing an annual report on the environment and councils impacts upon it
- hosting an annual conference or debate on environmental issues

The five overview & scrutiny committees align almost exactly with the portfolios of the five executive members that have portfolios.

Environment overview & scrutiny committee has recently appointed co-optees to committee from:

- environment agency
- bradford environmental action trust (beat)
- bradford university
- bradford business and environment forum

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