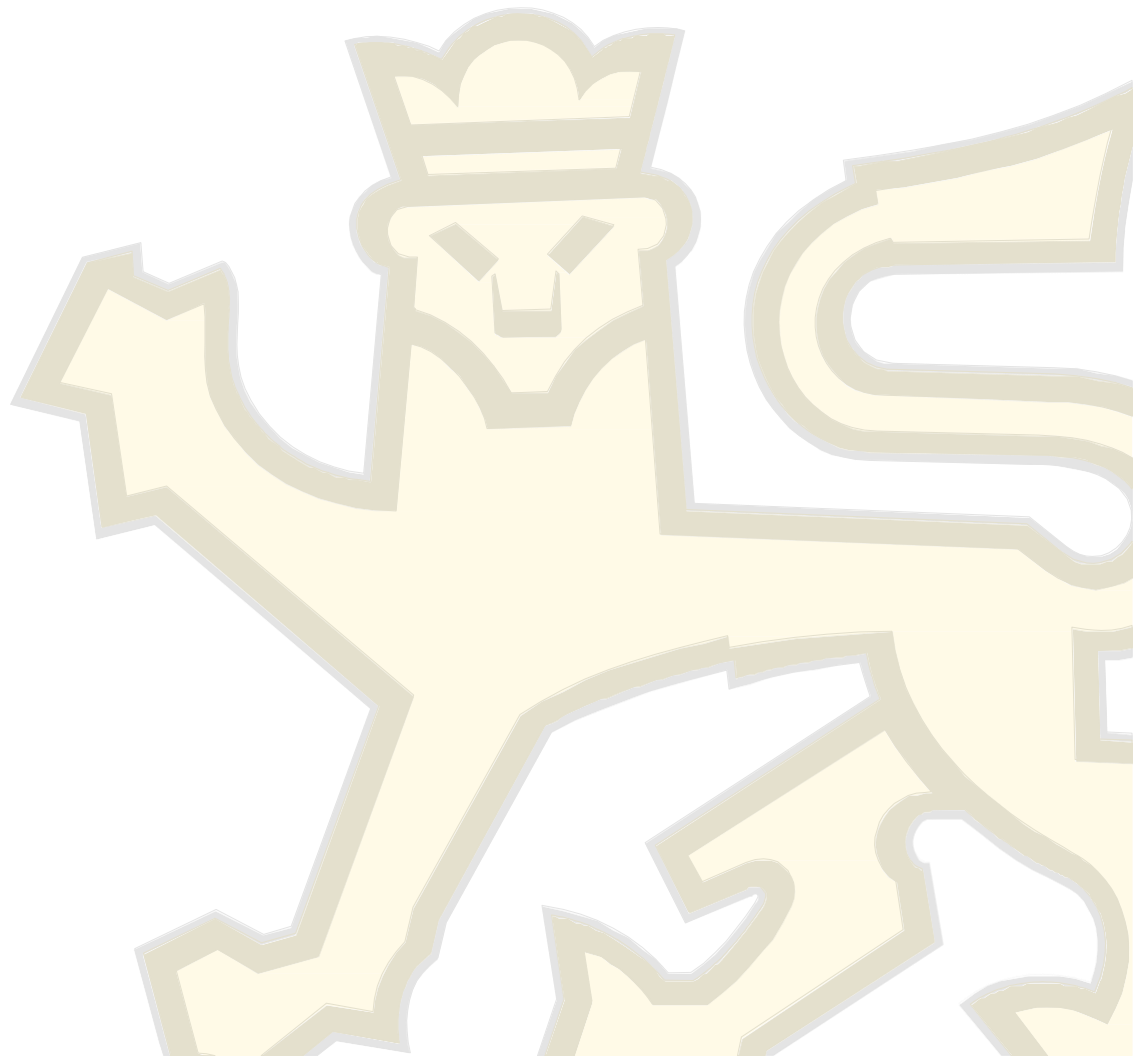


Policy

for Sustainable Development

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Policy for Sustainable Development in Uppsala Municipality

Introduction

Uppsala Municipality supports the 17 global development goals and Agenda 2030 adopted by the UN on 25-27 September 2015¹. The future of Uppsala Municipality depends on global developments, and we too can influence the future. Tangible steps to achieve results at local level are described in the municipality's *Goals and Budget* and in other plans and programmes. The sustainability policy describes the municipality's approach in the work with these actions and activities.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to describe how Uppsala Municipality is to work for sustainable development in the municipality and thereby in Uppsala.

- Uppsala Municipality is to be a leading force in sustainable development, globally, nationally, regionally and locally.
- Uppsala Municipality is to be associated with sustainable development.

Scope

The policy clarifies the municipality's approach towards sustainable development and defines ways and means of working to implement sustainability in all operations. The policy addresses all of the municipality, both committees and boards. The policy shall provide guidance in planning, budgeting, follow-up and implementing municipal operations.

¹ Objectives presented in appendix.

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Principles that apply to all operations:

1. Actions chosen shall primarily be those that give long-term and structural changes in the direction of social, ecological and economic sustainability.
2. Actions shall be planned from a holistic perspective and consideration shall be given to impact beyond the municipal boundaries.
3. Sustainability work is based on collaboration in the entire municipal organisation – “One Uppsala” – and creates conditions for sustainable community development by being carried out together with inhabitants, authorities, the business community and associations.
4. All development of operations is to benefit the sustainable development of Uppsala Municipality and its inhabitants. New solutions and ideas are affirmed if processes always have a learning perspective.
5. Decision-making documentation shall highlight, and be analysed on the basis of, sustainability aspects. In decision-making processes there shall be a presentation of how sustainability aspects have been addressed in preparatory stages.
6. The goals of Uppsala Municipality for sustainable development shall be actively communicated internally and externally.

Background

At the UN summit on 25 September 2015, the world's heads of state and government leaders adopted 17 global development objectives and Agenda 2030 for sustainable development. The aim is by the year 2030 to meet the global challenges the world faces – quality, inequality, climate change and the overexploitation of natural resources. The agenda clearly shows that sustainable development is crucial to our common future and that new integrated ways to approach this are needed to achieve the objectives.

Agenda 2030 contains 17 global development objectives and 169 sub-objectives, which are to be achieved by the year 2030. The objectives are formulated on the basis of the most important global challenges: to eradicate all poverty and hunger everywhere, to realise human rights for everyone, to achieve gender equality and empowerment for all women and girls and to secure lasting protection for the planet and its natural resources.

The 17 objectives thereby constitute a definition of globally sustainable development, which encompasses social, environmental and economic sustainability. The agenda makes it clear that the objectives are integrated and mutually interdependent, and integrated solutions and new work methods will be required in order to achieve them.

Definitions and terms

Sustainable development is development that ensures that the global objectives are achieved at a global, national, regional and local levels.

Legal provisions and requirements

It is the responsibility of every operation within the municipality to have good knowledge of the laws and requirements that apply within each operation and to ensure compliance with them.

Responsibility and dissemination

This policy applies to all operations within Uppsala Municipality. It is the responsibility of all political representatives and officials to ensure that sustainability work is systematically implemented in each operation. Implementation of the policy is ultimately the responsibility of committees and boards. When necessary, boards and companies can draw up guidelines to provide a more tangible description of how the work shall be carried out within each

organisational unit.

The City Executive Board has special responsibility in supporting committees, administrations and companies in this work.

Follow-up

Based on the policy, the City Executive Board follows up the work annually in connection with the annual presentation and through self-surveillance/internal auditing. The work includes developing a systematic work method for follow-up.

Related Documents

- UN global goals, Agenda 2030
- Employment policy
- Quality policy
- CEMR guidelines
- Guidelines for operational planning and follow-up of boards and companies

Appendix

The United Nations' 17 sustainable development goals

Appendix 1: United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

Goal 1. End poverty in all forms everywhere.

Goal 2. End hunger; achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Goal 3. Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for.

Goal 5. Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

Goal 6. Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.

Goal 7. Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.

Goal 8. Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Goal 9. Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation.

Goal 10. Reduce inequality within and among countries.

Goal 11. Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

Goal 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

Goal 13. Take urgent action to combat climate change and its consequences.

Goal 14. Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

Goal 15. Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of land-based ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.

Goal 16. Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.

Goal 17. Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalise the global partnership for sustainable development.