

# The Environmental Policy and Vision of the County Council

Uppsala County Council has 11 000 employees and carries out highly specialised health care and medical treatment including dental care. It is also responsible for communications between the municipalities of the County. In addition, it supports many cultural activities.

All these activities are extensive and lead to environmental strain through a large number of transports, large quantities of waste and large-scale use of energy, articles of consumption, pharmaceuticals, chemicals and laughing gas. The resulting effluents and emissions often have negative impacts on people's health.

## It is our *policy* to diminish the environmental impact and to reduce effluents and emissions that are hazardous to people's health by:

- adhering to the environmental legislation;
- preventing pollution and economising on resources;
- purchasing/procuring of goods and services that are least hazardous to the environment;
- considering the environmental aspect of every action taken and every decision made in the daily activities;
- continuously enhancing the results of the environmental performance and making sure that we reach the environmental objectives.

## And our *vision*, the goal towards which we strive, is...

...to carry out the activities of the County Council in such a way that the resulting effluents and emissions will not affect the environment nor public health, and hence that we will contribute to handing over an ecologically sustainable society to coming generations.



When we travel or send supplies we do it by bike, train or vehicles that run on sustainable fuels.



We economise on energy and finite resources.



We do not discharge pharmaceuticals that are harmful to the environment and to people's health into the air, ground or water.



We use chemicals and laughing gas in such a way that it is harmless to people and the environment.



The food we serve is produced ecologically and transported in a way that is considerate of the environment.



We recycle all our waste.