

## Introduction

Our Environmental and Sustainability Policy is based upon the following principles:

- To comply with, and exceed where practicable, all applicable legislation, regulations and codes of practice in any activity that we have control of.
- To minimise the impact on sustainability of all activities at the Community Centre.
- To integrate sustainability considerations into our business decisions.
- To ensure that all trustees, volunteers and staff are aware of our Environmental and Sustainability Policy and are committed to implementing and improving it.
- To make tenants and suppliers aware of our Environmental and Sustainability Policy.
- To review and strive to improve our sustainability performance.

## Statements

We will:

### *Minimise the environmental impact of the centre's use of resources*

- Over time identify our use of natural resources and improve the efficiency and effectiveness with which they are used, with a view to minimising environmental impacts.
- Minimise our use of paper and other office consumables, and identify opportunities to reduce waste.
- Preferentially purchase products and services that minimise environmental impact, for example
  - use only biodegradable cleaning materials that have not been tested on animals
  - avoid wherever practical the use of environmentally damaging substances, materials and processes, including minimising the use of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and other nature-harming chemicals.

### *Minimise the environmental impact of the centre's energy and fuel consumption*

- Reduce the energy consumption of the site and seek to purchase electricity from a supplier committed to renewable energy.
- Encourage users of our Community Centre to walk, cycle and/or use public transport to attend meetings, travel to work or use the facilities.

### *Minimise the environmental impact of the centre's production of waste*

- Promote recycling both internally and amongst our customers and suppliers.
- As far as possible arrange for the reuse or recycling of office or commercial waste, including paper, computer supplies and redundant equipment.

### *Raise awareness of environmental and sustainability issues among the centre's stakeholders*

- Provide trustees, staff, volunteers, tenants and suppliers with up-to-date copies of the Environmental and Sustainability Policy.
- Provide appropriate sustainability information for trustees, volunteers and staff, and encourage them to apply sound sustainability practices.
- Display a copy of the Environmental and Sustainability Policy in the main foyer for visitors' information.

### *Maintain the grounds, gardens and buildings in an environmentally sensitive way*

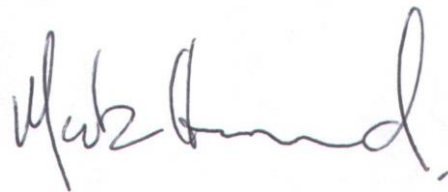
- Manage the centre's natural systems with an emphasis on biodiversity and preservation of wild biota.
- Engage the public in enjoying and contributing to the centre's natural environment.

## Reviews

This policy and related procedures will be reviewed bi-annually.

### Signature of chair:

Date of signature/ratification of policy:



Date policy reviewed: December 2022

Date that next review is due: May 2023