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Authoring – JG/SMT – reviewed by PBE/SMT

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT POLICY



1.0 Objective

The purpose of this policy is to confirm Azure's commitment to good practice in relation to sustainable development in its activities.

2.0 Scope

The policy is applicable to all activities throughout the organisation – within the main charity and any subsidiary businesses.

This policy supercedes the previous Environmental Policy - which was withdrawn in 2013.

The policy is made available internally via the Intranet, by communication through managers at staff meetings and externally through Azure's web site.

3.0 The policy and authorisation

The policy is set out in full overleaf.

To comply with the requirements of external agencies the original of this policy is signed off by the Chief Executive (who has responsibility for the policy and its implementation).

Sustainable Development Policy

Azure is committed to providing quality services in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy workplace for employees and minimises the potential impact on the environment.

Azure will contribute to and support the UK Strategy for Sustainable Development.

Azure and its staff, working with suppliers, will:

- Wherever feasible build sustainable development into policies, plans and decision making
- Identify, monitor and take steps to mitigate social, economic and environmental impacts and to direct continual sustainability improvements.
- Give preference, when feasible, to sustainable goods and services during procurement
- Ensure buildings are designed, constructed, refurbished and operated to optimise their environmental performance
- Comply with relevant environmental legislation
- Minimise waste by reducing usage levels and, where possible, reusing materials
 - in particular, reduce the usage of paper and office consumables
- Maximise recycling – including the segregation of waste by category
- Take all reasonable steps to conserve energy, water and other natural resources
- Take all possible steps to prevent pollution
- Seek to reduce emissions from buildings, vehicles and by care in the choice of business related travel
- Raise staff awareness of sustainable development issues
- Ensure that this policy is publically available

Signature of person responsible for this policy: -

Peter B Elliott OBE, Chief Executive

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