

# **Penicuik Community Sports and Leisure Foundation Environmental, Carbon Management, and Energy Policy**

## **Vision Statement**

Our community/sports centre is committed to sustainability, aiming to minimise our environmental footprint, effectively manage our carbon emissions, and use energy resources efficiently, thereby contributing to a healthier planet for future generations.

## **Scope**

This policy applies to all operations, activities, and facilities of the community/sports centre, including energy consumption, waste management, water use, procurement, and transportation.

## **Objectives**

1. Reduce Carbon Emissions: Implement strategies to lower greenhouse gas emissions across all centre operations.
2. Energy Efficiency: Increase energy efficiency and use renewable energy sources where possible.
3. Waste Reduction: Minimise waste generation and promote recycling and composting.
4. Sustainable Procurement: Ensure that purchasing decisions prioritise environmentally friendly products and services.
5. Water Conservation: Implement water-saving measures and promote responsible water use.
6. Education and Engagement: Raise awareness among staff, patrons, and the community about environmental sustainability and encourage active participation in our green initiatives.

## **Strategies**

1. Carbon Management
  - Conduct a carbon footprint assessment to establish a baseline and set reduction targets.
  - Implement energy-saving measures, such as LED lighting, energy-efficient appliances, and smart building controls.
  - Explore the installation of solar panels or the purchase of renewable energy credits.
2. Energy Policy
  - Perform regular energy audits to identify opportunities for energy savings.
  - Transition to renewable energy sources, such as solar or wind power, where feasible.
  - Encourage the use of public transportation, cycling, and walking among staff and patrons.
3. Waste Management
  - Introduce comprehensive recycling and composting programs.
  - Reduce single-use plastics by offering alternatives and encouraging patrons to bring their own reusable items.
  - Manage electronic waste responsibly through proper recycling programs.
4. Sustainable Procurement
  - Purchase eco-friendly and sustainably sourced products.
  - Select vendors and suppliers who demonstrate a commitment to environmental sustainability.
  - Prioritise products with minimal packaging or recycled content.
5. Water Conservation
  - Install low-flow faucets, toilets, and shower heads.
  - Employ rainwater harvesting systems for irrigation and non-potable uses.
  - Regularly check for and repair leaks.
6. Community Engagement and Education
  - Host workshops and events on sustainability topics.

- Provide clear signage and information on recycling, composting, and energy conservation practices.
- Engage with local environmental organisations to participate in or support community initiatives.

### **Monitoring and Reporting**

- Establish metrics to track progress against our objectives.
- Report annually on our environmental performance to stakeholders and the community.
- Continuously review and update our policies and practices to reflect best practices and new technologies in sustainability.

### **Implementation**

- Form a Sustainability Committee to oversee the implementation of this policy.
- Allocate necessary resources for the execution of sustainability projects.
- Ensure all staff are trained and informed about sustainability practices and their roles in implementation.

### **Conclusion**

Our community/sports centre is dedicated to leading by example in sustainability. Through this policy, we commit to responsible environmental stewardship, contributing to the well-being of our community and the planet.