



Environmental Policy.

4SLC Trust acknowledges the connection between the climate and other environmental crises and the threat of current and future homelessness, disease, food and water shortages and poverty for millions of people around the world, as well as the major damage being caused to our natural eco-systems.

It therefore recognises its responsibility to reduce its carbon and environmental footprints and formally commits itself to being an environmentally responsible charity.

1. To take this forward it commits to the following actions:

- 4SLC Trust mandates the General Manager to take responsibility for taking forward and implementing this commitment wherever feasible and possible.
- Maintaining its premises, plant and equipment to ensure efficient operation and minimise energy waste.
- Ensure any new premises, plant and equipment take account of renewable energy advances.
- Implementing any other relevant environmental or recycling initiatives where possible.

2. 4SLC Trust will therefore seek to;

- Reduce its energy carbon footprint by utilising the latest technologies for its premises, plant and equipment.
- Reduce its electricity consumption by utilising solar energy and ensuring such equipment is properly maintained to ensure maximum efficiency
- Utilise other electricity saving equipment and systems to reduce consumption.
- Utilise water saving devices where possible including on toilets, taps, showers.
- Minimise the volume of waste water and being discharged back into the main system by only undertaking backwashes as recommended for health and hygiene
- Utilise renewable energy sources eg wood pellets for all biomass boilers.

- Reduce the amount of general waste, food, paper from the Centre and where possible ensure this is bio-degradable
 - Ensure all waste is properly sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable when placed in refuse bins.
 - Minimise the amount of waste paper by developing paperless systems wherever possible.
 - Ensure office stationery and materials are recycled
 - Ensure the disposal of all surplus furniture and equipment is undertaken responsibly using the local recycling facility.
 - Ensure all surplus electrical equipment is disposed of in line with the WEEE directives.
 - Implement any other environmentally friendly or recycling schemes possible within the building.
3. 4SLC Trust's annual impact statement will;
- include a summary of this annual environmental audit of the charity
 - be included in the AGM when financial accounts are presented.
4. 4SLC Trust will seek to have relevant environmental clauses included in any future contracts agreed with outside bodies.
5. 4SLC Trust will include environmental responsibility training in any staff training programmes, especially for those involved in providing advice to vulnerable clients.
6. 4SLC Trust will observe existing environmental legislation as a minimum standard and seek to out-perform current legislative requirements where practical.

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