



# **ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT, OBJECTIVES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

## **1. ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT**

Manchester Deaf Centre is committed to reducing the environmental impact of our organisation insofar as we are able to do so by reducing our consumption of resources and taking action to reduce the carbon footprint of our activities (across all spheres) where possible. We are also committed to managing waste generation according to the principles of reduction, re-use and recycling, and giving due consideration to environmental issues and energy performance in the design and use of our offices.

## **2. ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES**

- To comply with current legislation, legal obligations, applicable statutory provisions and relevant codes of practice.
- To promote health, safety and environmental awareness throughout the organisation.
- To follow the principle of sustainable development by working in a way that meets the needs of today's generation, without impacting too much on future generations.
- To ensure staff is trained to understand the Policy and have the skills to implement it.
- To avoid damage to the environment by regularly reviewing the way we work
- To use natural resources as efficiently as possible.
- To minimise the use of all materials, supplies and energy.
- Wherever possible, to use renewable or recyclable materials.
- Reduce fuel consumption and lower exhaust emissions.

## **OUR RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Implement, monitor and update the policy as required.
- Lead by example, and include the policy in staff induction and training, and update staff by email, training sessions, and team meetings.
- Actively encourage the use of recyclable materials and paper, and the recycling and reuse of these and other materials.
- Monitor premises and team performance and promote best practice in teams.
- Try, where possible, to trade with businesses with similar environmental standards to our own – suppliers, vendors and contractors.
- Show that we are serious about our commitment to sustainable development by including environmental issues in our strategic planning.
- Encourage staff to use energy and water resources efficiently.
- Reduce any unnecessary travel, and encourage staff to travel by public transport or by car sharing where possible.