Net Zero Policy

1. Introduction

This policy outlines our commitment to achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. We recognise the urgent need to address climate change and are dedicated to reducing our carbon footprint through sustainable practices across Stockport Advocacy.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all operations, activities, and stakeholders, including employees, those we support, volunteers, suppliers, and partners.

3. Objectives

- Achieve net zero emissions by 2050.
- Reduce our energy consumption.
- Transition towards renewable energy options.
- Implement sustainable waste management practices.

4. Leadership and Governance

- **Board Commitment**: The board of trustees is committed to supporting and overseeing the implementation of this policy.
- **Sustainability Team**: A dedicated individual will be responsible for driving the net zero agenda and ensuring compliance with this policy across the Charity.

5. Baseline Assessment

- Conduct a comprehensive carbon footprint assessment.
- Identify major sources of emissions and energy consumption.

6. Targets and Milestones

- Set short-term and long-term emission reduction targets.
- Establish interim milestones to track progress.

7. Action Plan

- **Energy Efficiency**: Upgrade to energy-efficient systems and appliances.
- **Renewable Energy**: Invest in renewable energy sources and green energy procurement.
- **Sustainable Practices**: Promote recycling and waste reduction

8. Stakeholder Engagement

- Educate and involve staff, volunteers, those we support and stakeholders in sustainability initiatives.
- Communicate progress and goals on our website and social media channels.

9. Monitoring and Reporting

- Regularly monitor emissions and progress towards targets.
- Publish annual sustainability reports detailing actions taken and progress made.

10. Continuous Improvement

- Review and adjust policies and practices.
- Stay informed about the latest sustainability developments and adjust strategies accordingly.

11. Conclusion

We are committed to achieving net zero emissions and will continuously strive to improve our sustainability practices. Stockport Advocacy aim make a significant impact on the environment and contribute to a sustainable future.