

NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The Chamber is an independent membership organisation providing a wide range of support services to businesses in North Staffordshire. We operate from two offices based in Stoke on Trent and Stafford. We are committed to maintaining the optimum environment for the people who work in the organisation and for the wider community. This commitment is reflected in policies that seek to make the most effective and efficient use of all resources, prevent pollution and encourage employees to adopt an ecologically sound approach to their work and lifestyle.

Our Commitment

- 1 To provide a stimulating, comfortable and performance optimising environment for employees, visitors and customers while, at the same time, minimising the cost in economic and sustainability terms.
- 2 To seek to reduce the environmental impact of our activities.
- 3 To ensure that the Chamber complies with relevant environmental legislation and approved codes of practice.
- 4 To minimise the use of materials, energy and supplies.
- 5 To take account of the concerns of employees, members, the public and other stakeholders.
- 6 To set objectives and targets to drive continual improvement programmes and regularly review environmental performance to ensure success.
- 7 To ensure all employees are aware of this policy and are trained in their environmental responsibilities.
- 8 To make this policy available to employees, members, the public and other interested parties on demand.
- 9 To encourage member businesses, suppliers and contractors to operate in a way that accords with the principles of sustainability.

This policy will be implemented within the framework of an environmental management system designed to meet the requirements of BS8555, to which the Chamber will seek certification by the end of 2007.

Signed

Chief Executive

Date