



**Mull & Iona
Community Trust**

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Mull and Iona Community Trust Environmental Policy Statement

This policy is to be read in conjunction with **Mull and Iona Community Trust's Strategic Framework Document.**

Commitment and Aims

- 1** The Trust aims to help the people of Mull and Iona and associated islands cut their energy use sustainably and cost-effectively and help them to create a sustainable and injury-free environment by complying with or exceeding all relevant health, safety and environmental laws and good codes of practice.
- 2** The Trust will interact positively with legislators, regulators and their agents and wherever it can will extend its influence and contacts in these matters to off-island organisations.
- 3** The Trust accepts that all personal and corporate activities may impact negatively, positively or both on the environment and will attempt to eliminate or minimise negative impacts arising from its own activities and maximise the positive ones.

Operations

- 1** In its operations the Trust will seek to anticipate and prevent problems rather than curing them after creating them. It will strive to improve and reduce its exploitation of resources, plan ahead, re-use or recycle materials, be energy efficient and minimise waste. It will effect and encourage Best Practical Environmental Option when re-use of materials is not possible and seek expert advice on this when it needs.
- 2** The Trust will minimise the need to travel by the use of teleworking, teleconferencing and any other means. It will promote walking and cycling over public transport and shared car travel, with solo car travel as a low value option and air transport as the lowest option. When air travel is unavoidable the Trust will offset its carbon emissions through an established and reputable carbon offset supplier.

Relations With Other Bodies

- 1** The Trust will inform its main suppliers and contractors of its environmental Policy, seek to influence them positively and make efforts to monitor their Environmental policy. It will seek to give preference to suppliers from countries that have signed the Kyoto Accord on reducing global warming and any succeeding international agreement with similar aims. It will seek to give preference to suppliers and contractors who share the Trust's social and environmental concerns.
- 2** Within the boundaries of its Constitution, Articles of Association and Strategy framework the Trust will share health, safety and environmental good practice with other businesses, communities, the inhabitants of Mull and Iona and associated islands.

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Resources

- 1 The Trust commits itself to making available within its budgets appropriate resources to implement its Environmental Policy.

Review of Performance and Policy

- 1 An Environmental Report shall be presented to members at the Annual General Meeting of the Trust and at such other times as shall be deemed necessary by its Board of Directors.

This Environmental Policy was adopted by resolution by the Board of management of Mull and Iona Community Trust at its meeting in Craignure Village Hall on the 14th of April 2008