



## **Environmental Policy Statement**

Scarborough Museums and Galleries recognise that as with any large organisation our work can impact upon the environment.

We consume resources, produce waste, use energy and buy goods and services.

This policy sets out our commitment to control and minimise our environmental impact and continue to deliver our positive work in a more sustainable way, playing our part so that future generations can live as we have.

## **Environmental Management**

Scarborough Museums and Galleries is developing an Environmental Management System. This will ensure that we:

- Comply with all environmental legal requirements
- Develop and uphold procedures to mitigate our key environmental aspects and impacts
- Bring leadership, accountability and regular review to environmental matters
- Ensure that staff, volunteers and all those who engage with us contribute to our success and are empowered to take positive steps to control and reduce our environmental impacts

## **Minimising our impact**

We recognise that we must continually evolve and improve. Specifically, we commit to:

- **Minimise Waste:** Implementing re-use and recycling wherever we cannot prevent waste in the first place. We will always look to avoid landfill disposal.
- **Reduce Energy Use:** We will better record and analyse our energy consumption, ideally drawing upon smart meter data. This will be regularly reviewed and we will use this information to drive forward energy reduction.
- **Travel Wisely:** We will consider our travel impact in all that we do. We will travel preferentially by public transport or low carbon travel wherever we practicably can. We will use technology to reduce the need for travel where we can.
- Create “Environmental Champions” across SMT that will support the embedding of the management system and good environmental practice.
- Minimise our use of paper and where we do use paper, we will increase our use of paper / materials using sustainable resources in
  - (1) Communication materials
  - (2) Packaging used in our collections
  - (3) Office goods & stationery.
- Consider Environmental and Sustainability aspects in our selection of goods & services, selecting the best environmental option where this can be justified on impact, cost and practicality.