**Rochdale Connections Trust Sustainability Statement 2021**

RCT is a well-established local charity working with young people and adults who are finding life difficult in some way. We deliver a range of services from our own building based in the center of Rochdale and we also offer outreach support to young people and adults across the borough. RCT uses local suppliers of services wherever possible.

RCT works with around 350 people every year and we recognise that we need to manage our operations on a sustainable basis and creating a more sustainable future is the responsibility of us all.

It is with this in mind that this policy has been formulated.

**Rochdale Connections Trust aims to:**

1. Reduce the consumption of primary raw materials (including fossil fuels, water and energy).

2. Encourage sustainable travel practices for staff, participants and visitors.

3. Encourage and demonstrate sustainable approaches to the built environment in our construction,

 refurbishment and maintenance projects.

4. Minimise waste production and divert it from landfill through increasing re'use, recycling and

 recovery.

5. Consider sustainability in the procurement of goods and services.

6. Promote and support environmentally responsible behaviours throughout our participant

 community.

7. Monitor, and review relevant objectives and demonstrate continuous improvement.

**REVIEW SCHEDULE:**

The Sustainability Policy is formally reviewed on an annual basis.

**Date of last review:** November 2021

**Reviewed by:** Lizl Donnelly

**Job Role:** Business Support Manager

**Date of next Review:** November 2022