**Policy Statement**

As a part of Conwy County Borough Council’s Economy & Culture Service, Venue Cymru is committed to achieving our corporate goal of becoming a net zero carbon user by 2030.

We believe that we should lead by example to reduce our negative environmental impact and continuously improve our environmental performance. To help us achieve this, we have implemented the Green Dragon Environmental Standards across all council services, ensuring our environmental impacts are monitored and managed and our overall environmental performance continues to improve.

**Achieving our Targets**

At Venue Cymru we are on an ongoing journey to make our business more sustainable. Steps already taken on this journey include:

* Training of our staff in how to carry out their work in a more sustainable way.
* Local sourcing of the food and drinks used on our menus.
* Working with our event organisers to minimise the environmental impact of their events.
* Installation of LED fixtures and movement sensor lighting across public areas of our building.
* Installation of Solar PV panels generating green power towards our energy consumption
* Introduction of a waste management system that sees 100% of our waste recycled or re-used.
* Commissioning environmental arts projects for young people in our communities
* Establishment of a green travel plan and salary sacrifice initiative to fund cycling to work scheme.
* Planting of a natural garden and of a living wall at our theatre foyer entrance.

**Our Next Steps**

To further achieve our continuing ambition for sustainability:

* We have applied to be assessed under the Green Meetings scheme from Green Tourism.
* Working with our colleagues in Conwy council, we are developing a Carbon measurement and offsetting scheme for organisers of events hosted within the county.
* We are working on a scheme to introduce electric charging points for patrons into our car park.
* We are starting to assess the sustainability of potential suppliers as part of our procurement procedure.

**Policy Context**

*The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015* places a duty on all public bodies to deliver services in a sustainable way, working to improve the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of current and future generations of the public in Wales.

*Conwy County Borough Council Climate Emergency Declaration (May 2019)* commits Conwy to ensuring that the county continues to be a lively, viable and sustainable home for our children and future generation, and has set a target for the authority to become a net zero carbon user by 2030.

*Conwy’s Corporate Plan 2018-22* contains a key outcome that People in Conwy value and look after the environment.