

Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2022 – 2025

Introduction

At Community Leisure UK, we recognise the climate change emergency and take responsibility as a membership body to support our members in their resilience and their local role in achieving environmental targets.

Our core work is to represent and provide a network for leisure and culture trusts across the UK, promote the trust model, and harness the power of the collective to strengthen our members' contribution to communities.

To this end, we identified three commitments that guide our environmental work:

1. Reduce our carbon emissions and restore our environmental impact where reduction is not possible.
2. Encourage dialogue amongst the membership about how climate change affects them and the changes that are needed to ensure more environmentally sustainable operations.
3. Raise awareness of the need to include the public leisure and culture sector in climate change investments and decarbonisation efforts.

Acting on environmental sustainability

Our environmental commitments are reflected in how we operate as an organisation and in our work with members and partners.

The aims and objectives on the next page set out how we will act on our commitments in support of the public leisure and culture sector. These have been identified through member and partner conversations and have been reviewed by members to ensure our support is targeted and in line with member needs.

Our three-year strategy is supported by annual Climate Change Action Plans which set out KPIs for Community Leisure UK to work towards in each business year, informed by member feedback.

Monitoring and evaluation

The aims and objectives of the Environmental Sustainability Strategy are reviewed by the Community Leisure UK team and Board through the business plan.

The actions and KPIs under the Climate Change Action Plans are reviewed and updated with active support and input from the Community Leisure UK membership. The monitoring of these actions is included and reviewed monthly as part of the work plans of the Community Leisure UK staff team.

Aims and objectives

For the period 2022-2025, our support to members is guided by four overarching aims, each of them monitored and evaluated through key objectives.

1. Identify and raise national awareness within the public leisure and culture sector as well as the Community Leisure UK membership of the climate impact of public leisure and culture trusts.	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Members understand their own climate impact and the actions they can take to increase their environmental sustainability. 1.2 The contribution of public leisure and culture facilities to a Local Authority's carbon footprint under their scope 3 emissions is understood and reported upon. 1.3 Members have a business case for investment in energy efficient approaches.
2. Make the case for nationally supported investment in increased environmentally sustainable operations for public leisure and culture trusts.	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Community Leisure UK supports strategic working groups in Government and in the public leisure and culture sector on environmental sustainability. 2.2 Community Leisure UK reports nationally on what support members need to achieve more environmentally sustainable operations, including the consequences if no support is provided.
3. Clarify the funding opportunities for members to invest in environmental sustainability.	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Community Leisure UK understands the national policies around net zero and environmental sustainability and can inform members on the national targets. 3.2 Members understand how to fund effective climate action and what support they can access.
4. Support the responsibility of a leisure and culture operator on climate action.	
Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Members understand how their role as local organisations and partners can steer and guide long-term climate action.

Please refer to the Climate Change Action Plan for our KPIs and actions on an annual basis to achieve these aims and objectives.