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Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board

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The purpose of the Longford and Westmeath Education and Training Board (LWETB) is to be at the heart of delivering quality education and training services in Longford and Westmeath. As part of this is our public sector responsibility to lead by example in our climate action approach.

We drive the reduction and replacement of fossil fuel usage. We are an acknowledged organisation. We partner with citizens, communities, businesses, the SEAI and Government. We are trusted collaborators, funders, and educators.

We recognise that we occupy a unique position in respect of sustainable energy, low-carbon technologies for our own organisation and our whole education community comprehending staff, learners, their families, and our communities.

We are committed to incorporating exemplary sustainable energy management practices into our everyday activities. We aim to minimise the impact of our own activities to achieve continual sustainability and energy improvements, to prevent emissions, to measure and reduce waste, adapt to climate change, and encourage environmental awareness within our organisation.

LWETB is committed to comply with applicable energy efficiency and environmental legal and other requirements that apply to our activities.

We have introduced controls to reduce our impact across our activities including:

- LWETBs Energy Policy
- Waste management
- Energy use
- Water use
- Green Public Procurement criteria
- Transport and travel, encouraging minimising the need for travel.
- Education and awareness among our staff, learners, and communities.

We will communicate our Sustainability Policy, plans and performance to staff and we recognise the significant contribution our staff make towards improving the overall performance of LWETB, in particular the various activities driven by volunteers on LWETB's staff-led Climate Action Steering Group.

The Board of the LWETB has ultimate responsibility for the environmental performance of the organisation. It will ensure that the necessary environmental policies and resources are put in place to minimise the environmental impacts of the organisation.

Review & Implementation

This policy will be reviewed annually by the Senior Leadership Team in line with best practice, or in light of changes in legislation and guidance from sources such as Internal Audit, C&AG, the Department of Education, the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform, on the issuing of circular letter or by the Chief Executive in response to business needs. The date of implementation is the date of LWETB Chief Executive approval.

Ownership and Approval

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