

## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

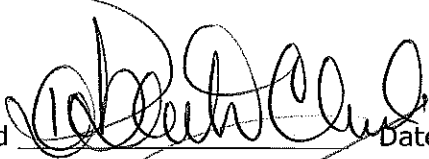
The CREA Board recognises its responsibility to manage the environmental impact of our activities and services. We provide services to support business development throughout Cumbria from offices in Kendal and Redhills (Penrith), together with conference facilities, a Food Technology Centre and business Incubator Units.

We have assessed our activities and identified that our significant environmental impacts include use of energy for heating and lighting (both fossil fuel sources as well as the positive use of renewable energy sources), use of paper, generation of office waste, food waste and other wastes, and the use of vehicle fuel.

In order to promote good environmental practices throughout the organisation, our Policy with regard to the environment is as follows: -

- To identify the effect of our activities on the environment.
- To develop suitable objectives and targets to ensure we continually improve our environmental performance.
- To ensure all our staff are aware of their environmental responsibilities and impacts through good communication, appropriate training and by applying procedures to minimise our environmental impacts.
- To prevent pollution and comply with relevant environmental legislation, regulations and other requirements.
- To minimise our use of energy and promote the use of renewable sources of energy.
- To minimise waste we generate through reducing paper use, bulk purchasing and suitable controls on catering and to ensure that the minimum of waste is disposed of to landfill through recycling paper, packaging and IT equipment.
- To offer catering from local producers and to purchase Fair Trade drinks and local produce.
- To minimise our water use and impact of our water disposal by efficient water management and use of least environmentally harmful cleaning products.
- To use public transport for journeys outside the county and to promote shared journeys and good journey/visit planning to reduce vehicle fuel use.
- To encourage suppliers and contractors in responsible behaviour with regard to the environment.
- To communicate and cooperate with interested parties, including clients, visitors, local organisations and the general public, on environmental issues.

Signed



Dated

1<sup>st</sup> April 2010

Bob Clark - Executive Director