

## COMMITMENT TO ACEVO'S CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES

### Plan 2022/23

**Reports to Board:** September 2023. Board to consider priorities and plan for 2023/24.

**Publish progress and achievements:** in annual report and accounts and on website  
October 2023

ACEVO Leadership principle	Action	Reporting
<p>Work towards a just transition to net-zero emissions, strategizing and acting now to support a transition that will help protect the communities and places we work with from further harm.</p>	<p>Our Investment Policy sets out our approach:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- we are a long term responsible and sustainable investor, investing in a way that does not conflict with our charitable aims;</li> <li>- we aim to follow best practice on ESG risk management;</li> <li>- we make our fund managers take account of ESG risks, engage with companies over them and report back regularly;</li> <li>- we will consider investing to generate impact in line with our mission even if financial returns are below market level and have allocated capital to this.</li> </ul> <p>We will ask our fund managers to scrutinise the Net Zero strategies of the investments they choose to make, to satisfy</p>	<p>Report on the performance of the public equities element of our investment portfolio annually in our report and accounts.</p>

	<p>themselves that they are credible and to monitor progress over time to achieve them.</p>	
<p>Speak publicly and confidently about the impacts of climate change on older people, using personal and organisational communications platforms to support campaigns asking policymakers for change. Wherever possible, we will contribute to these campaigns with expertise from the communities we serve, to build an intersectional picture of the impact of climate breakdown.</p>	<p>We will build highlight notices into our calls for funding proposals, where relevant, to encourage and support researchers and community organisations to develop expertise and contribute to the knowledge base in this area through their engagement and impact plans.</p>	<p>To be developed</p>
<p>Commit to sharing and learning alongside peers in the sector, taking time to review our actions and the changing situation and adapt collectively.</p>	<p>We will make opportunities for our trustees, staff and other stakeholders to learn more about the key causes and solutions of climate change and the risks and opportunities around the transition to Net Zero and the impacts on older people.</p> <p>We will join the Charity Responsible Investors' Network and by doing so can participate in a peer group that enables us to share learning and act collectively.</p> <p>We will join Share Action's Long-term Investors in People's Health (LiPH) Signatory Statement.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>

<p>Take practical steps within the Trust and its networks to understand our emissions and how climate breakdown intersects with our mission and charitable objectives. This work includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Measuring the carbon footprint of our operations and service delivery and making public a plan to reduce this, and to regularly consider realistic targets for a just transition to net zero.</li> <li>• Exploring the explicit and implicit intersections between our mission and climate justice, and using this to inform the choices we make about our strategy, services, contracts, communications and campaigns.</li> <li>• Asking questions of suppliers and partners, including investment managers and pension providers where relevant, to make clear our organisational commitment to using the most sustainable providers possible and changing suppliers where we feel this is appropriate</li> </ul>	<p>Tasking our new Head of Social Impact and Responsible Investment to investigate how we can measure our carbon footprint, set a baseline and agree an action plan to include but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Our travel policy</li> <li>- Formalising informal policies to reduce, re-use and recycle</li> <li>- Reviewing our rolling tendering process for delivery partners and contractors and ensuring that we are setting out the commitments we wish to see in place if they are to partner with us.</li> <li>- Encourage our shared office provider to measure the building’s carbon footprint and publish a reduction plan.</li> <li>- The setting and reporting of meaningful metrics on progress towards Net Zero for our investment portfolio.</li> </ul>	<p>Plan for approval by the Board by September 2023</p>