**Rochdale Connections Trust Sustainability Policy 2018**

Rochdale Connections Trust is a well-established local charity working with vulnerable children, young people and adults living in the most deprived Rochdale communities. We deliver a range of services from our own building based in the Centre of Rochdale and we also offer outreach support to children, young people and adults across the Borough. RCT uses local suppliers of services wherever possible and has established strong working partnerships with other voluntary and statutory services.

RCT works with around 350 people every year and we recognise that we need to manage our operations on a sustainable basis and creating a more sustainable future is the responsibility of us all. It is with this in mind that this policyhas been formulated to outline our commitment and strategy towards all areas of sustainability.

**Rochdale Connections Trust aims to:**

1. Reduce the consumption of primary raw materials (including fossil fuels, water and energy).

2. Encourage sustainable travel practices for staff, participants and visitors.

3. Encourage and demonstrate sustainable approaches to the built environment in our construction,

 refurbishment and maintenance projects.

4. Minimise waste production and divert it from landfill through increasing re-use, recycling and

 recovery.

5. Consider sustainability in the procurement of goods and services.

6. Promote and support environmentally responsible behaviours throughout our participant

 community.

7. Monitor, and review relevant objectives and demonstrate continuous improvement.