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AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Architects have the chance to play a crucial role in the efforts to moderate the environmental deterioration that has accelerated over the last century. Collective Architecture was established with the intention of concentrating on ecological, sustainable and community led projects, and we have maintained these as primary responsibilities as the company has developed.

Utilising sustainable options is vital to encourage development for individuals, business organisations and society as a whole, they also form an essential aspect of the way we view the aesthetic, social and cultural space that architecture can inhabit.

Whilst working with these issues, it is vital to understand the interests and concerns of our clients, including their need to respond to changing social opinions on sustainable issues, and maintaining a high level of professional quality, as well as company competitiveness and profitability.

Through the application of this policy we aim to introduce, whenever possible, the most sustainable options and procedures when planning and developing new and existing projects. We will uphold an active commitment to sustainable design and practice, which integrates care for the environment in each of the company's operations.

Within our working environment we aim to continue reducing the consumption of energy and other natural resources, and maximise the efficiency with which they are used. We will continue to develop awareness in all our employees of a working practice, which promotes sustainability, by training and discussion.

We will maintain an effective relationship with the local community through participation in education workshops, exhibitions and seminars. Where possible, the company will contribute to the long-term improvement of the local environment.

We will endeavor to present reliable information on the products and services offered to our customers to enable them to make an informed choice on the grounds of sustainable issues. The company will continue to develop its operations from a sustainable perspective, to provide services with the least possible environmental impact, and actively research and distribute information aimed at promoting demand for these services

Collective Architecture's overall aim is the continuous development of its sustainable working practice to achieve the gradual reduction of the environmental impact of its operations as a whole.

Collective Architecture has produced a Sustainable Management System in accordance with the aims and objectives of the company's Sustainability Policy. The management of Collective Architecture is responsible for the development and interpretation of this policy and for monitoring its implementation.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS - ISO 14001

Please note that Collective Architecture Limited are registered to ISO 14001. Collective Architecture are reviewing and maintaining our procedures to UKAS approved ISO 14001 certification.

Collective Architecture Limited is responsible for enhancing its operational readiness by effectively managing and conserving environmental resources, ensuring compliance, and supporting environmental stewardship. As part of the company's ongoing development Collective Architecture Limited has chosen ISO 14001 as the benchmark EMS framework.

- Commitment and Policy
- Planning
- Implementation and Operation
- Checking and Corrective Action *Collective Architecture Limited* has a strong checking and corrective action programs through the existing QMS. Procedures for monitoring and measurement, nonconformance and corrective and preventive action and environmental auditing are outlined in the QMS. These will be further developed to accommodate the requirements of the EMS and procedures for identification, internal auditing, maintenance and disposition of environmental records.
- Environmental Management Review This can be added to the existing QMS management review meetings and fortnightly office meetings that the company already carries out.

STRATEGY

Each project is considered by maximising the lifetime use of the building, and is designed with flexibility for future use. These are then reviewed with regard to their environmental implications. We have compiled an extensive database with sources of sustainable materials and systems, which we consult in preference to standard specification. We encourage continual research into new and developing strategies for sustainable practice, and have provided consultant services for this to clients including Communities Scotland.

Collective have been actively involved in the teaching of Sustainable Housing and Architecture at Strathclyde University for over fifteen years. This has included substantial contribution to the 'Architecture & Ecology' design unit. Collective Architecture are also currently teaching at the Mackintosh School of Architecture and are often guest tutors at other Scottish Universities.

Procedures are established to reduce the consumption of fuel and energy. Staff are encouraged to reduce the number of car journeys between home and work by sharing cars or using public transport or cycle routes. We actively utilise new technologies to improve efficiency in communication and data storage, therefore lowering the levels of paper use, postage and unnecessary travel. Further methods have been established to reduce the amount of office consumables, and increase the recycling of office waste materials.

Work is undertaken in compliance with all statutory and regulatory requirements, and any changes to these are identified and implemented as soon as they become apparent.

AGENDA 21

Collective Architecture recognise the aims of Local Agenda 21 as put forward by the United Nations and in particular we would highlight the following

Community Involvement:

Educating people about sustainable development and getting them involved in action to ensure a good future for their district.

Community and Health:

Improving peoples' health and well being and ensuring a sense of community in places where people live.

Local Economy:

Supporting a sustainable local economy, which does not damage the environment and allows people to provide for themselves.

Natural Environment:

Protecting natural systems from damage and pollution, and protecting and enhancing the variety of plants and animals, which rely on them.

Built Environment and Resource use:

Using resources carefully and sustainably, and ensuring the built environment is pleasant and accessible.

Transport:

Developing sustainable transport to meet the needs of people traveling within and through the district.

RECORD INFORMATION

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