

Qualifications Wales Carbon Reduction Plan 2022/24

	Objective
To support Welsh Government's Working Together to Reach Net Zero' strategy and routemap, we will:	
1	Office management i) complete an audit of office and identify any remaining options to reduce emissions or waste and action affordable recommendations ii) explore opportunities to power off monitors/IT not in use iii) Continue process to replace IT equipment when beyond economical repair
2	Electric Vehicle charging point (EVC) i) investigate option to fit charging point to encourage staff to invest in electric vehicles, thereby reducing the impact of commuting ii) if affordable fit EVC
3	CSR day provide opportunities for staff to use their CSR day to support carbon reduction
4	Procurement i) identify opportunities within the specification or evaluation criteria to encourage suppliers to reduce impact ii) apply our travel policy to subject experts and ask them to track travel to enable us to report actual impact footprint iii) identify relevant contracts and ask suppliers to report their approach to carbon reduction. Make this a requirement for new contracts and develop KPIs and reporting requirements
5	Awarding Bodies With a focus on Awarding Bodies offering 'approved' qualifications, use our influence with these organisations to encourage them to adopt good practices in carbon reduction
6	Digital promote opportunities to replace paper exams with digital exams
7	Qualifications Content where appropriate require qualifications content to include an understanding of carbon footprint and the importance of carbon reduction
8	Employee education i) Ensure key employees have appropriate training in carbon literacy and spread awareness via employee awareness sessions ii) Work with the Trade Union to help employees reduce personal carbon impact by providing advice and guidance on best practice
9	Green energy i) continue to use renewable energy ii) engage with Newport Council local area energy plan to identify any options to use direct energy sources in supply to Q2. iii) discuss options to use solar panels with landlord, including link to EVC
10	Travel i) continue business travel policy of considering need and making best use of technology ii) set up hire car options for electric and/or hybrid vehicles and encourage staff to trial them iii) continue hybrid working to reduce overall commute iv) investigate demand for Cycle salary sacrifice scheme and review options