

# **A GREENER OPERATION**



## ***Market Harborough Golf Club Environment Strategy***

### ***PROCUREMENT POLICY***

## **INTRODUCTION**

The club's environment policy A GREENER OPERATION was adopted by the club's board in February 2019. It outlined a number of key principles which the club wished to endorse.

### **"PRINCIPLES**

Market Harborough Golf Club commits itself to:

- Providing a safe and pleasant working environment for all our staff
- Enhancing the natural environment of the golf course for the benefit of both golfers and wildlife
- Conserving energy and water
- Reducing waste
- Preventing pollution from all our activities
- Promoting wider environmental change by careful choice of products and services
- Working towards a 'greener operation' in collaboration with neighbours and partners
- Creating a positive ethos about 'green' issues that will positively influence all adults, young people and visitors who come into contact with the club

As far as is reasonably possible, the club's directors will support all parties to ensure that this policy is implemented across all the activities of the club and will periodically review the effectiveness of the policy."

## **STRAND 6 PURCHASING**

The policy outlines seven strands. Strand 6 is PURCHASING. This states:

"The golf club can have an impact outside our own organisation by the careful choice and purchase of products and services."

### **6.1 Procurement policy**

- We will try to minimise packaging where possible and look for packaging which is recycled or can be recycled easily
- Where possible and suitable, we will use local suppliers, especially with regard to food and seasonal products, to reduce transport costs and work in collaboration with the local economy
- We will seek to reduce or eliminate peat in our course treatment, researching alternatives to peat-based top dressings
- When purchasing equipment of any kind, we will try to purchase the most energy efficient products and those with the longest effective life
- We will look to introduce a procurement procedure that interrogates potential suppliers' positive commitment to Environmental Policies

## **6.2 Partnership with the proshop**

- We will work in partnership with KJ Golf Academy and the staff in the proshop regarding procurement policy”

## **IMPLEMENTATION**

### **Summer 2021**

Discussions have taken place with the key people at the club who, on a day-to-day basis are responsible for purchasing decisions. These are

- Chris Weir Head Greenkeeper
- Emma Blissett Bar and Catering
- Neil Bramwell Bar and catering
- Kegan Jamieson Pro Shop

In the discussions, all of the people involved were happy to accept the principles within the club’s A GREENER OPERATION policy. They were committed to trying to follow these principles in their purchasing decisions.

In brief, this amounts to a focus on:

- buying locally, where possible, in order to benefit the local economy and reduce transport costs and emissions
- reducing packaging where possible, by working with and talking with suppliers
- recycling or re-using packaging, where possible
- where appropriate, employing ‘best value’ principles i.e. seeking 2/3 quotations for equipment or external work.

## **AGREED ACTIONS FOR 2021 AND 2022**

### **PRO SHOP**

- Will take opportunities to talk with suppliers about wasteful packaging
- Will explore alternative manufacturers and brands (e.g. MASTER BAMBOO TEES), seeking alternatives to plastic, and environmentally designed, produced and packaged equipment and materials
- Will seek to co-operate with the club’s Bar and Catering regarding supplies of confectionery to reduce transport costs and emissions
- Will consider the implications surrounding the sale of drinks in single use plastic bottles

## **BAR AND CATERING**

- Will continue and actively pursue a policy of buying food and drink locally
- Will talk with suppliers about wasteful and unnecessary plastic wrapping and packaging (e.g. KING BROS).
- Will adopt a one year goal of eliminating water sold in single use plastic bottles.

## **GREENS AND GROUNDS**

- Will use a best value approach to equipment purchase and external contractor work, where useful and appropriate
- Will seek to reduce unnecessary packaging that comes with purchases of sand etc by talking with suppliers e.g. HEADLAND and RIGBY TAYLOR
- Will continue to recycle or re-use packaging and transport materials where possible
- Will buy local where possible, as is usually the case already