

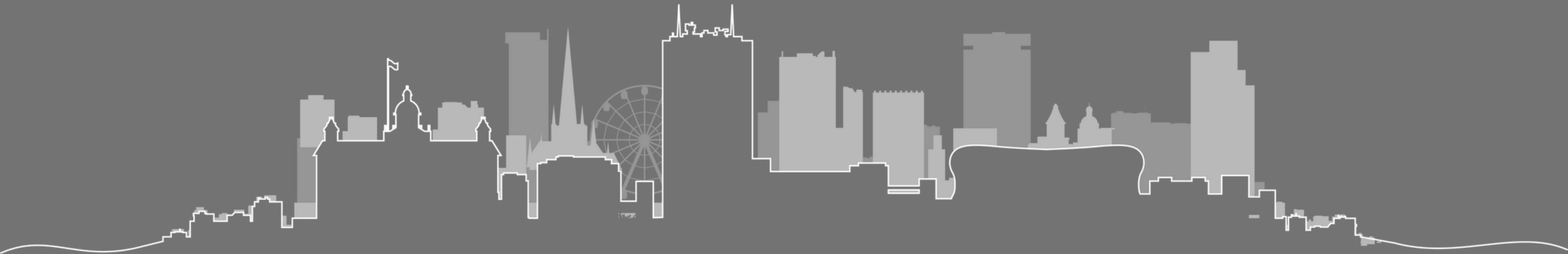


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# Sustainability Statement





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**“The next decade is decisive”. This is a statement from the organisers of the 26th UN Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP26), Glasgow.**

As an employer of almost 2,000 individuals serving over 10,000 pupils across twelve schools in the UK’s second city (and the twenty-fifth largest city in Europe, including Russia), the actions that the King Edward VI Foundation takes corporately and in terms of the individuals in or associated with it will have an impact.

We have a moral and existential duty to act. The strength for action lies in the will of large numbers of our individuals, not least the highly committed pupils from across the Foundation, who have vocally called upon the Foundation to act, and whose thoughts constitute many of the initiatives outlined in this proposed strategy.

# *Our key priorities are:*

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## **Education, inspiration and awareness**

We intend to develop our educational provision to address sustainability through student-led activity and educating students about their own actions, while raising awareness of sustainability issues within and beyond the Foundation.

## **Estates, energy and transport**

We intend to gain expert advice on current energy usage and develop a plan to reduce emissions, ensuring strategic planning and investment decisions are aligned with low-carbon transition.

## **Leadership and partnerships**

We intend to include pupils, parents, governors, teaching and support staff in decisions affecting sustainability, working with our internal team and partners to encourage individual and corporate responsibility.

## **Financial, procurement and investment practices**

We intend to continue our carefully thought-out approach to ethical investing (including but not limited to environmental sustainability factors) and seek to use our leverage as an investor, property-holder and procurer to promote sustainability.

# *Our immediate next steps are to:*



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- Undertake energy audits by Briar Consulting, who we have appointed to baseline our current usage and develop energy reduction programmes, including a Heat Decarbonisation Plan, from which we will prioritise investment in our estate;
- Appoint additional leadership roles to the Foundation to ensure that sustainability is given paramount importance; and
- Constitute a Foundation-wide Sustainability Group to involve all stakeholders in the conversations necessary to develop a detailed sustainability strategy and deliver cultural change and tangible improvements.

We will publish our progress and plans in the Foundation's Annual Report.



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