



WATFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

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Watford F.C. is an English professional football club based in Hertfordshire, UK. The board members of Watford F.C. place significant importance on improving water conservation throughout the organisation and will be proactively engaged in working towards exceeding the UK Net Zero Strategy targets. The Club hereby approves this **Water Policy** (hereinafter the “**Policy**”), as part of our transformative sustainable strategy to become a responsible club in the sports and leisure sector. Working alongside Watford FC Community Trust, we aim to lead by example and inspire climate leadership, by actively engaging across a full range of environmental issues, both within our own activities and operations and throughout our local communities.

PURPOSE

This **Policy** will establish the principles of conduct for the development of the Club’s operations to uphold the constant monitoring and measurement of water consumption, and to continuously improve water conservation measures.

Conserving water saves energy. Energy is needed to filter, heat, and pump water, so reducing water use also reduces the Club’s carbon footprint. Improved water efficiency enables less water to be taken from the wider ecosystem subsequently aiding biodiversity.

Our roadmap is in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations’ Agenda 2030 adopted by all United Nations Members States in 2015.

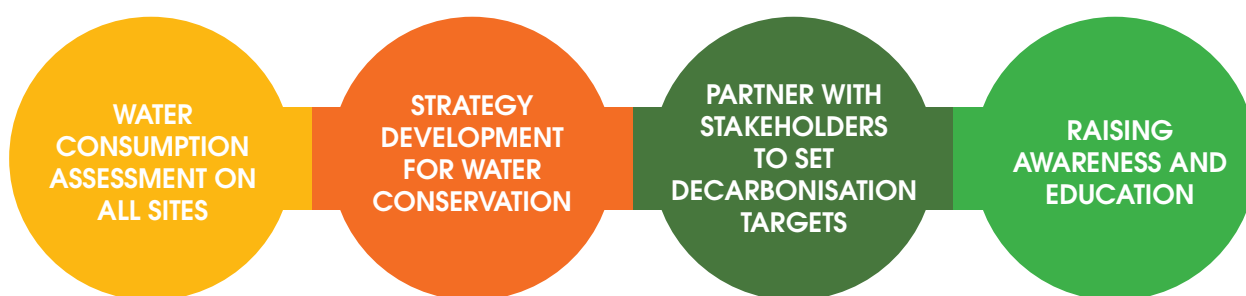
Our efforts on Water Conservation will be focused on facilitating the following SDG.



SCOPE OF APPLICATION

This **Policy** applies to all sites under the control of Watford F.C including the stadium, Training ground, the two community hubs run by the Watford FC Community Trust, Meriden and Cedars, and all stakeholders of the Football Club including shareholders, Club personnel, coaches, players, suppliers, supporters, and other participatory parties engaged in operations and events.

LINES OF ACTION



OUR COMMITMENTS

Our action plan to accomplish this Policy is supported by the implementation of the following principles of conduct:

- Incorporate **Water Conservation** variables as part of the corporate strategy to be considered in internal decision-making processes such as new projects, procurement of products and services, and operational execution.
- Introduce new procurement criteria for water-efficient products and services which may have an impact on the carbon emissions of the Club and minimize the use of water pollutants in our operations.
- Follow as much as possible existing water efficiency guidelines and relevant standards to always remain updated with the most innovative water efficiency solutions available on the market.
- Comply with all relevant local legal requirements and maintain standards of best practice.
- Invest in equipment, systems, and infrastructure to adequately monitor and measure water consumption within the different sites of the organization to continuously assess water efficiency.
- Establish water consumption reduction targets and objectives to minimize

water waste and maximize water efficiency.

- Provide awareness and education to the personnel, coaches, players, and board members on Water Conservation.
- Use the club's communication channels to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation, as well as the measures that would help to contribute to its improvement.
- Communicate our progress to our board of directors, shareholders, employees, our wider community, and other interested parties.

Following the above principles, we are committed to continuously improving our sustainable management of Water as a resource.

WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR STAKEHOLDERS

To strengthen the compliance of this policy, the Club expects all of its shareholders, personnel, suppliers, coaches, players, spectators, members of the local community of Hertfordshire, and other interested parties where relevant to:

- Respect the principles and goals of the policy
- Adhere to our site rules and procedures dedicated to water conservation.
- Attend any training or activities relevant to water conservation.
- Support the initiatives sponsored by the Club.
- Provide suggestions or recommendations that may positively impact water conservation.
- We expect our personnel, coaches, and players to act as role models, thus water conservation promoters for our fans and supporters.

End of Policy