

# THE GALMONT

## HOTEL & SPA

### **Green Policy 2020**

Here at The Galmont Hotel & Spa, Galway we recognise that our business has a very important role to play in protecting and enhancing the environment and our planet for future generations and to help secure the long-term sustainability of the tourism industry. It is our priority to encourage our guests, suppliers and all business associates to do the same.

The Management and Staff of The Galmont Hotel & Spa are committed to the following actions.

- To eliminate the use of single use plastics in our guest bedrooms by 17,500kg annually in 2020 with a focus on installing bedroom bulk amenities and removing individual packaging.
- To achieve sound environmental practices across our entire operation
- To comply fully with all relevant legislation
- To produce an annual Sustainability Plan setting out our objectives, targets and planned actions
- To minimise our waste and reduce our water and energy consumption where possible
- To reduce, reuse and recycle the resources consumed by our business wherever practical
- To help increase awareness with regards to protecting the environment and to support our staff, guests and suppliers in doing so
- To provide all employees with the training and resources and resources required to meet these green objectives

- To communicate our policies and practices to interested parties
- To monitor and record our environmental impacts on a regular basis and compare our performance against our policies, objectives and targets

### **Goals Regarding Sustainability**

- Act in the highest environmental interest of our community, guests and associates by maintaining an environmentally friendly and quality hotel
- Be a responsible hotel operator, reducing our carbon footprint while improving the guest experience
- Act as a responsible part of our hotel community and foster similar pursuits by our guests and operating partners

### **Our Sustainability Program focuses on:**

- 1. Energy Conservation:** We will continue to reduce our Energy consumption through Best Practice, Investments & Procedures, since 2015 we have reduced our total energy consumption by 30%.
- 2. Water Conservation:** To continue to maintain current water usage and monitor with a view to achieving another reduction in consumption
- 3. Waste Management:** To increase our conversion of waste to recycling by 2020 while decreasing overall landfill waste in the hotel through reducing single use items and bulk purchasing
- 4. Sustainable Procurement and product usage:** To continue to use locally produced produce from local Artisan Suppliers and give reference to suppliers with an active Environmental Policy
- 5. Community Social Responsibility:** To communicate our performance and achievements through the hotel website and to facilitate the use of greener transport and the installation of Charging Points for E-Cars
- 6. Benchmark:** We need to benchmark The Galmont against other properties/hotels. This can be done by signing up for Green Hospitality and performing an audit in early 2020