

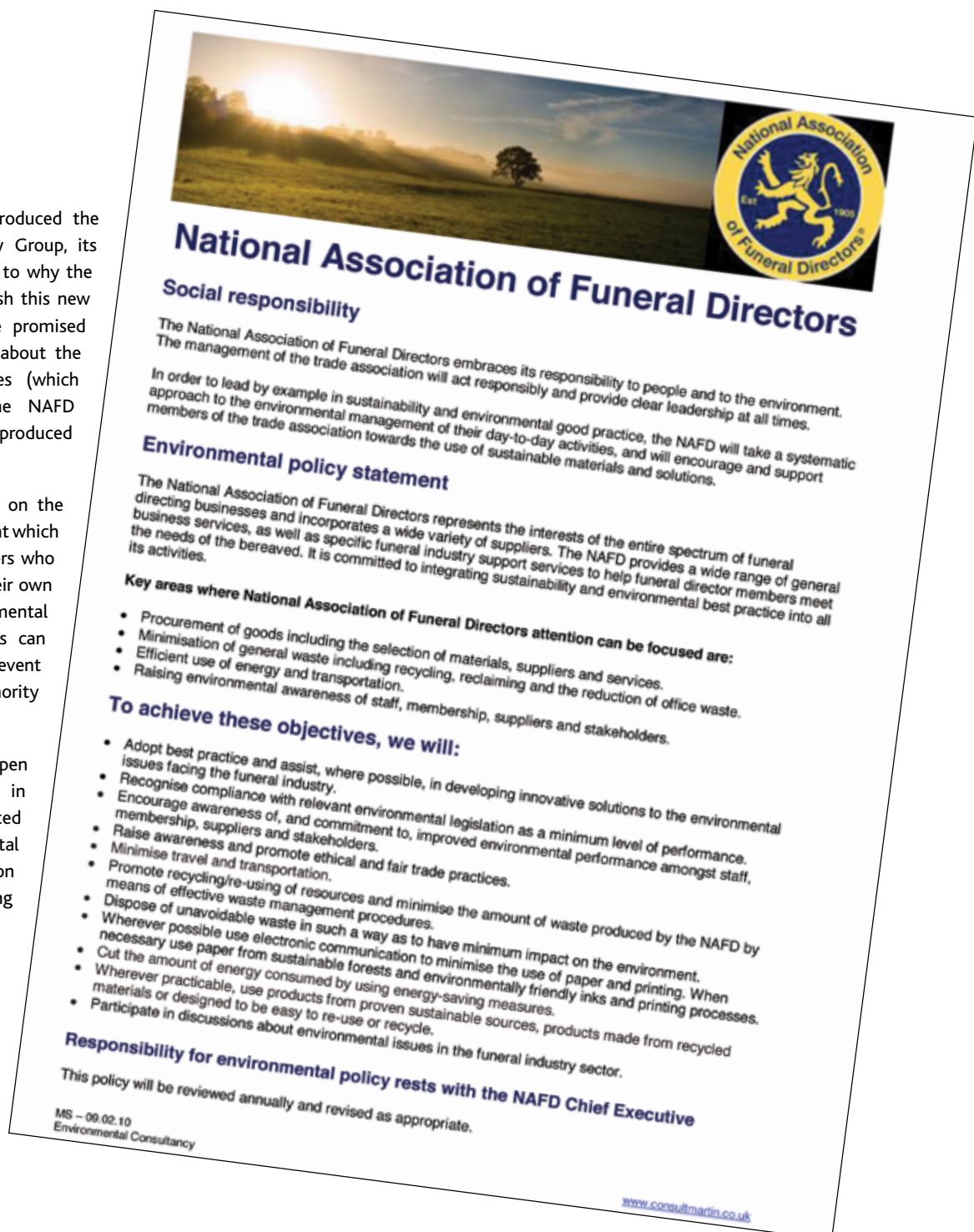
NAFD Executive gives the 'green' light to

NAFD Environmental Advisory Group

In last month's issue we introduced the NAFD Environmental Advisory Group, its members and the rationale as to why the Association decided to establish this new grouping. In that article we promised to provide more information about the Group's preliminary guidelines (which have been approved by the NAFD Executive), and these are reproduced below.

This information also appears on the NAFD website as a pdf document which can be downloaded by members who wish to use it as a basis for their own companies' social and environmental statements. Such statements can be extremely useful in the event of tendering for a Local Authority contract.

The Group will be holding an open meeting during Conference in Windsor so, if you are interested in discussing environmental issues and how they impact on your business, please come along at 14:30 on Friday 14 May.



The image shows a document titled "National Association of Funeral Directors Environmental Policy Statement". The cover features a landscape photograph of a field with a tree under a bright sky, and the NAFD logo on the right. The logo is circular with a blue border, containing a yellow lion rampant and the text "National Association of Funeral Directors" and "Est. 1909".

National Association of Funeral Directors

Social responsibility

The National Association of Funeral Directors embraces its responsibility to people and to the environment. The management of the trade association will act responsibly and provide clear leadership at all times.

In order to lead by example in sustainability and environmental good practice, the NAFD will take a systematic approach to the environmental management of their day-to-day activities, and will encourage and support members of the trade association towards the use of sustainable materials and solutions.

Environmental policy statement

The National Association of Funeral Directors represents the interests of the entire spectrum of funeral directing businesses and incorporates a wide variety of suppliers. The NAFD provides a wide range of general business services, as well as specific funeral industry support services to help funeral director members meet the needs of the bereaved. It is committed to integrating sustainability and environmental best practice into all its activities.

Key areas where National Association of Funeral Directors attention can be focused are:

- Procurement of goods including the selection of materials, suppliers and services.
- Minimisation of general waste including recycling, reclaiming and the reduction of office waste.
- Efficient use of energy and transportation.
- Raising environmental awareness of staff, membership, suppliers and stakeholders.

To achieve these objectives, we will:

- Adopt best practice and assist, where possible, in developing innovative solutions to the environmental issues facing the funeral industry.
- Recognise compliance with relevant environmental legislation as a minimum level of performance.
- Encourage awareness of, and commitment to, improved environmental performance amongst staff, membership, suppliers and stakeholders.
- Raise awareness and promote ethical and fair trade practices.
- Minimise travel and transportation.
- Promote recycling/re-using of resources and minimise the amount of waste produced by the NAFD by means of effective waste management procedures.
- Dispose of unavoidable waste in such a way as to have minimum impact on the environment.
- Wherever possible use electronic communication to minimise the use of paper and printing. When necessary use paper from sustainable forests and environmentally friendly inks and printing processes.
- Cut the amount of energy consumed by using energy-saving measures.
- Wherever practicable, use products from proven sustainable sources, products made from recycled materials or designed to be easy to re-use or recycle.
- Participate in discussions about environmental issues in the funeral industry sector.

Responsibility for environmental policy rests with the NAFD Chief Executive

This policy will be reviewed annually and revised as appropriate.

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