

First Federation Trust

A holistic approach to energy saving, incorporating behavioural awareness training, compliance, and decarbonisation.



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First Federation Trust is a family of 19 primary schools across South Devon and Dorset.

As the trusted energy partner for First Federation Trust since 2015, Zenergi looks after the energy and water contracts for all 19 schools. The support includes validating bills and chasing any discrepancies and queries with suppliers.

With one of its core values being to 'contribute positively to all the communities' it is part of, the Trust is committed to energy efficiency and operating sustainably.

Embracing heat decarbonisation

Zenergi supported First Federation Trust's application for funding under the Low Carbon Skills Fund (LCSF). The Trust was awarded £65,580 for the development of heat decarbonisation plans (HDPs) across the estate.

The HDPs delivered by Zenergi, will provide a comprehensive assessment of the costs and potential savings from a range of measures that can be carried out that will reduce the Trust's reliance on fossil fuels in favour of low carbon alternatives.

Engaging staff in energy saving

To support the roll out of the heat decarbonisation plans, Zenergi was invited to present at the Trust's Non Pupil Training Day which brought together 30 staff from across the Trust to understand strategies for saving energy and reducing the Trust's carbon footprint.

The session included an illustration of the impact of leaving common school equipment switched on unnecessarily, with an illustration of the cost per hour, and cost per year based on live energy prices. It concluded with practical tips and no-cost solutions that staff could take back to their schools to help reduce energy consumption and costs.

The informative session has had a lasting impact on those who attended, who are now maintaining the positive energy saving behaviours around their schools.

Compliance

Zenergi also carries out the Trust's Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting (SECR), the legislation that aims to encourage qualifying organisations to report on their annual energy consumption and carbon emissions for Scopes 1, 2 and 3.

Zenergi collates the energy data from the organisation, compiling it into the necessary format and

submitting the report. In doing so, Zenergi helps First Federation Trust to identify where the most energy is being used, to enable the Trust to take steps to reduce its energy consumption, costs and greenhouse gas emissions, while maintaining compliance with the mandatory legislation.

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in funding received for heat decarbonisation plans



We highly recommend Zenergi as our energy partner, the advice and support we receive from them is great. We are reassured that they do all they can to ensure that we get the most from our energy providers by obtaining the best prices, and analysing invoices prior to payment to ensure that what we are being charged is correct.

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