

EASTLEIGH COLLEGE

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Statement of Principles

The College is committed to the principle and practice of environmental protection and sustainable development, with a focus on continuing improvement and reducing pollution. The College will seek to improve its environmental performance in the following areas: of

- academic programmes
- infrastructure and operations
- communications
- facilities

The College can play a key role in the community to champion an environmentally sustainable approach across its activities and to share this knowledge with learners, businesses and regional stakeholders. This includes our human behaviour, approach to planning how the future college operates and how we engage with our community and region.

OBJECTIVES

Leadership and Management

- To embed environmental protection and sustainable development thinking into the strategic aims, policies, arrangements, resources and management of the College
- To consider our environmental impact and how we manage it for all our activities
- To maintain a clear Corporate Social Responsibility
- To comply with the relevant and current legal requirements

Academic Programmes

- To raise learners' awareness of environmental issues through incorporation of material and specific units of study on environment and sustainable development into courses and by emphasising the sustainability practices and behaviours that occur across the College
- To provide and promote education and training on environmental issues to College employees so that they can develop their working practices in an environmentally responsible way
- To build, develop and adapt curriculum to reflect new sustainable technologies and in preparation for future expectations and targets

Infrastructure and Operations

- To reduce energy consumption and to implement long term strategies for energy efficiency and reduction of energy waste into the planning and development of the estate
- To monitor and reduce water waste
- To reduce the volume of waste produced and to maximise the recycling of materials, disposing of all waste and effluents in a safe and responsible manner
- To seek, where practical, suppliers and contractors who demonstrate a clear commitment to environmental management and sustainable development
- To promote the use of environmentally-friendly means of transport by staff, learners and suppliers and to review the operation of College controlled vehicles with replacements to be more energy efficient

Communications

- To inform staff and learners about local and global environmental issues and to involve them where practical in the College's environmental initiatives
- To provide specific education and training to support local and regional initiatives, in particular the climate emergency action plans created by local authorities.
- To promote College environmental and sustainable developmental successes and to act as a catalyst to support wider projects

Aims

1. To adopt and share recognised best practice
2. To be up to date with latest expectations and legal requirements
3. To include and promote sustainability within the curriculum
4. Promote reduction of waste
5. To include sustainability and environmental impact in procurement processes
6. To work with local suppliers and to consider environmental impact of the supply chain
7. To actively reduce the energy used by buildings through investing in improved building energy performance
8. To support a travel to College plan working with public transport and cycle networks to reduce the number of motor vehicles travelling to site daily

The aims and objectives above will be fed into and drive College targets for environmentally sustainable developments and growth. These will be monitored regularly by the Senior Management Team and reported to Governors at least annually.

This policy will be reviewed annually (F.27.19V, 05.12.19 refers) by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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