

# Environmental Policy



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## **1.0 Policy**

### **1.1 Statement of Policy**

The College purpose to provide quality learning opportunities can only be fulfilled by managing the facilities, resources and activities of the College in a manner which takes account of environmental issues.

The aim of the College Environmental Policy is to promote the health and welfare of students, staff and the wider community by committing the College to the environmentally efficient and effective use of its facilities. The policy also aims to promote the development of the curriculum to take account of environmental issues.

### **1.2 Key Objectives of the Policy**

- 1.2.1 To ensure that the College meets or exceeds all regulatory and legal requirements.
- 1.2.2 To minimise consumption of energy and natural resources.
- 1.2.3 To ensure that procedures for the purchase and use of materials and energy take account of sustainable resources.
- 1.2.4 To encourage recycling of materials where practicable.
- 1.2.5 To take account of the impact of the College on the external environment.
- 1.2.6 To seek appropriate opportunities to incorporate environmental issues into the College curriculum.
- 1.2.7 To promote awareness of environmental issues within the College and the wider community.



## 1.3 Implementation and Evaluation

1.3.1 The Environmental Policy will be implemented through:

- Consultation and awareness raising in staff and students.
- Development of a prioritised action plan.
- Circulation of the Environmental Policy, and associated procedures for its implementation.
- The completion of a non technical environmental audit.
- Provision of training for staff in key areas.
- Application of the policy in facilities management, purchasing, and curriculum planning procedures.

1.3.2 The Environmental Policy will be developed and implemented by:

- The staff responsible for facilities management, purchasing, curriculum management and health and safety management in collaboration with external environmental organisations and support agencies.
- All staff and students according to their role within the College and in accordance with their statutory obligations

1.3.3 Resources available to support the implementation of the Policy:

- Provision of training and awareness raising in staff and students
- Provision of support for environmental auditing, including access to internal and external sources of expertise



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- Provision of resources for development and implementation of a prioritised action plan, within the limitations of the College's budget

1.3.4 Evaluation of the implementation of the Policy will be carried out by:

- The Environmental Management Steering Group
- The Directors' Group

## **2.0 Justification**

Through membership of the Environmental Association for Colleges and Universities, the College has committed to Sustainable Procurement, Energy management, Travel planning, Environmental and Corporate responsibility, Benchmarking, Biodiversity improvement and managing waste. This policy is integral to these objectives.

## **3.0 Link to Strategic Plan**

Corporate Plan 2006 - 2009 Strategic objective 4.13 – 'Establish, implement and monitor a full College Environmental policy'

## **4.0 Exemptions**

There are no exceptions.



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## 5.0 Related Procedures

The Environmental Management Policy will be developed in conjunction with:

- College Corporate Plan
- Critical Procedures Documentation
- Curriculum Planning and Development Policies
- College Health and Safety Policy