

POLICIES & PROCEDURES



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SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

This policy statement sets out the College's aims for aiding sustainable development. The College is committed to implementing actions to deliver the aims set out below. These actions will promote and embed sustainable development in all aspects of the College's activities.

WLCBMS is committed to the principles of sustainability and minimising the adverse impact of its activities on the environment. This sustainability policy has been produced to endorse this commitment, guide College staff and students of required environmental practice and promote this commitment to sustainability to all stakeholders.

The policy encompasses the guidance from the Learning and Skills Council document 'From Here to Sustainability'. WLCBMS recognises that its operations have an effect on the local, regional and global environment and that it can contribute towards the conservation and protection of the environment. As a consequence, the College is committed to continuous improvements in environmental performance and the minimisation of waste and pollution. Environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice will be regarded as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.

KeyAims

Leadership

- Promote and support sustainable development principles in all aspects of the individual leaders' roles and across the organisation
 - o Resources
 - o Curriculum
 - o Learning delivery
 - o Continuing professional development (CPD)
 - o Strategic planning
- Incorporate sustainable development as a key theme of CPD for all staff
- Establish a procurement policy to minimise the social, economic and environmental impact of our procurement choices and maximise the use of college's resources.

Curriculum

- Promote sustainable citizenship and ecological awareness through sustainable development education within the College curriculum
- Develop workforce skills to help create a low carbon economy

Community

- Maintain and develop appropriate local and regional partnerships to maximise benefits to the community
- Support local markets, ethical and fair trade, and socially responsible initiatives within the community
- Consider sharing facilities with local community agencies and groups to make the best use of resources
- Encourage learners and providers to undertake volunteering activity as part of a community commitment to sustainable development.