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POLICY CHANGES

Key updates	Impact	Section reference
The Environment Sustainability Policy Statement is new and replaces the previous Environment and Sustainability policy procedure.		

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1. INTRODUCTION

Nottingham College is committed to leading an education aligned transition to a low carbon, environmentally responsible future. We recognise our responsibility to protect and enhance the environment while delivering excellent education to our community, supporting our learners and partners, and ensuring long-term organisational resilience. Aligned transition to a low carbon, environmentally responsible future. We recognise our responsibility to protect and enhance the environment while delivering excellent education term organisational resilience. Aligned transition to a low carbon, environmentally responsible future. We recognise our responsibility to protect and enhance the environment while delivering excellent education term organisational resilience. Aligned transition to a low carbon, environmentally responsible future. We recognise our responsibility to protect and enhance the environment while delivering excellent education term organisational resilience, aligned transition to a low-carbon, environmentally responsible future. We recognise our responsibility to protect and enhance the environment while delivering excellent education-term organisational resilience.

We will comply with all relevant environmental legislation and codes of practice and apply recognised best practice where proportionate. Embedding sustainability throughout our curriculum, and into strategic decision making, investment planning, estates development and procurement. Risks and opportunities will be monitored and reported transparently to support effective governance and continuous improvement.

This policy sits alongside the College Strategic Plan [The College's mission, vision and values - 2023 to 2026](#)

2. OBJECTIVE

Our Environmental Commitments

Be a responsible community member.

Act responsibly. Being accountable for the environmental impacts associated with college activities and operations.

Continue the college's contribution to setting and advancing the environmental sustainability within the local community.

Facilitate the active participation of the college community in reducing the collective environmental impact of the organisation, through both formal and informal engagement activity, to foster a culture of environmental sustainability citizenship.

Educate our learners and community

Contribute to the global enhancement of the environmental sustainability knowledge.

Base for future generations through teaching and developing knowledge.

Embed environmental sustainability in the curriculum and encourage the recognition of student achievement that promotes sustainability, respects diversity, is based on our research strengths, and meets our commitment to environmental sustainability.

Promote and encourage the use of technology to reduce the environmental impact of college operations and activities.

Setting High Environmental Standards

To continually improve and enhance environmental sustainability performance through achieving an established Environmental Management System.

Implement and report on a Sustainability Action Plan which is aligned to the FE Climate Action Road Map [final_roadmap_25june2020.pptx](#)

Champion and promote sustainability through cross college engagement via the Green Group.

Prevent, and where prevention is not possible, limit and control any pollution or emissions that could be harmful to any receptors, including human health, air, land, and water, from sources created as a result of university operations.

Biodiversity and nature

Enhancing biodiversity and protecting natural habitats through sustainable estates planning and nature-based solutions.

Make space for nature on our campuses to ensure that biodiversity can survive and thrive on our estate and beyond, whilst promoting carbon sequestration via our green spaces.

Ensure that all new development and deep refurbishment projects utilise best practice environmental sustainability standards to drive a greener campus built.

Resource Management

Reducing Scope 1 and 2 emissions through energy efficiency, estate decarbonisation, and low carbon heat and power, while progressively measuring and reducing key Scope 3 emissions. Carbon heat and power, while progressively measuring and reducing key Scope 3 emissions.

Our ambition is to achieve carbon neutrality for direct operations and ultimately net zero.

Reducing waste at source, maximising reuse and recycling and working with suppliers to minimise environmental impact across the supply chain.

Reduce water consumption whilst increasing the efficiency of our water systems.

Reduce the consumption of all consumables through our actions, monitoring and behaviour change across our campuses.

Reduce resource consumption through a circular economy approach and to minimise waste through best practice environmental management, cultural change, and smart procurement decisions.

Actively work/engage with the college's suppliers and contractors to reduce emissions associated with the goods and services procured by the college and ensure environmental sustainability standards progressively improve their own working practices.

Climate resilience

Identifying and managing climate related risks and embedding resilience and adaptation into capital projects, maintenance, and business continuity planning. Related risks and embedding resilience and adaptation into capital projects, maintenance, and business continuity planning.

To meet and wherever possible, exceed all relevant UK, European and international legislative and regulatory compliance requirements and voluntary agreements.

Transition to a modern, integrated, clean energy system, delivering reliable energy supplies at an affordable price, whilst meeting environmental sustainability and net zero greenhouse gas emissions targets.

Actively promote and encourage the use of sustainable modes of transport across college.

Governance and Accountability

The Deputy Chief Executive & Chief Financial Officer is accountable for delivery of this policy, supported by colleagues across the college. Progress and performance are overseen by the Executive Team and Board of Governors through defined reporting, risk management, and assurance arrangements.

This Policy Statement applies to all Nottingham College and its subsidiary companies, activities, campuses, staff, students, contractors, and partners. We will work collaboratively with our communities to promote positive environmental outcomes and lasting social value.