

# Environment and Sustainability Policy

## **Document Summary**

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## 1: Introduction

The City College Senior Leadership Team is mindful of their responsibility for attempting to reduce its carbon footprint and reduce its impact upon the environment. Further, it is aware that The City College has the potential to contribute positively to the conservation and protection of the environment and that, where possible, it should meet the needs of the College building, staff and students without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs and, wherever possible, to use sustainable resources. The preservation of the environment and improving and increasing sustainability is at the core of the College ethos.

The policy shall apply to The City College (TCC) as well as to any bodies in which TCC or contractors acting in the name of TCC, as well as to any joint ventures, temporary joint ventures and any other associations if TCC assumes the management thereof.

City College Senior Leadership are responsible for the determination and implementation of the Environment and Sustainability Policy to help preserve the environment, make the College more sustainable and to satisfy regulatory requirements.

## 2. The Commitment of The City College (TCC) to the environment.

The City College considers the importance of the environment as a priority when carrying out day to day activities, as well as planning future activities. As such, TCC is always looking for a way to balance the development of the College with its impact on the environment and to promote eco-efficiency and the gradual reduction of the environmental impact of TCC.

As such, the aim of the Environmental and Sustainability Policy is to reduce the environmental impact of the College's facilities, activities and services and to investigate eco-efficient solutions in order to balance the activities of TCC with the right of future generations to have a safe environment.

As such, TCC attempts to adopt and promote environmental comments by:

- Creating an organisational structure that shows clearly defined responsibilities in connection with both the environment generally and the College's sustainability.
- To consider the environmental variable in management policies and risk management.
- To consider biodiversity and climate change when considering the running of both TCC as a company and the building.

- To consider the environment and sustainability in the strategic plan of TCC.
- To establish environmental and sustainable goals.
- To provide information on the policy of TCC's environmental and sustainable goals to students and to employees.
- To partake in initiatives relating to sustainability and the environment and to build it into teaching programmes.

### **3. The City College's Environmental Sustainability Strategy.**

Environmental sustainability refers to the long-term maintenance of environmental resources. In order to improve environmental sustainability, TCC needs to gradually reduce the size of their ecological footprint by reducing the number of resources used as well as the waste produced.

#### **In order to help reduce TCC's ecological footprint, the College is committed to:**

- Move towards renewable energy and practice energy efficiency.
- Practice waste minimisation and recycling.
- Move away from paper copies to electronic, online resources, wherever possible.
- Encourage sustainable travel.
- Incorporate environmentally friendly information into the syllabus and, where possible, in the class.
- To support overall environmental sustainability and environmental management and lead by example to implement best practices.
- To continually review and attempt to improve its environmental performance.

#### **In order to help improve sustainability, the College is committed to:**

- Raising the profile of sustainability to become a mainstream part of TCC's activities.
- To try to reduce carbon emissions throughout TCC. To further introduce a carbon reduction culture to reduce carbon emissions across all activities.
- To integrate sustainable development into policy-making, the curriculum and to be open about TCC's commitment to the environment and sustainability.
- To make genuine efforts to extend good practice and promote sustainable development.

- To prevent pollution and reduce negative impact on the environment as well as ensure that TCC meets all relevant UK and international legislative and regulatory requirements.
- To reduce energy consumption and improve the efficiency of consumption.
- To consider the use of renewable energy in the future if TCC undertakes any construction or refurbishment projects.
- To ensure that TCC carries out leak identification and repairs to increase the efficiency of water conservation.
- To minimise waste by increasing recycling, reusing and reduction of materials.
- To help create a culture of sustainability through education, the curriculum and awareness.
- To encourage students and staff to minimise their environmental impact by encouraging modes of transport that minimise environmental impact.
- To try to use contractors that use sustainable products, goods or services.
- To maintain the building of TCC in an environmentally sensitive manner.
- To develop values, skills and knowledge among students and staff to encourage them to work sustainably – such as encouraging recycling, asking them to switch off electronic devices when not in use, to turn off lights and to engage in the sustainable ethos of TCC.