

Environment and Sustainability Policy

Document Summary

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1: Introduction

The City College Senior Leadership Team is mindful of its responsibility for reducing its carbon footprint and its impact on 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 the enhancement of sustainability are 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 has an interest, to 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 is responsible for determining and implementing the Environment and Sustainability Policy to help preserve the environment, make the College more sustainable, and satisfy regulatory requirements.

2: 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 its 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:

- Practice energy efficiency.
- Practice waste minimisation and recycling. The College has a company that picks up the general recycling and rubbish. Additionally, a specialised hygiene company handle the collection of toxic waste and sanitary products to ensure they are disposed of safely and responsibly.
- Transition from paper copies to electronic, online resources, wherever possible, as our digital-first strategy has considerably reduced the need for them.
- Incorporate environmentally friendly information into the syllabus and, where possible, in the class.
- To continually review its environmental performance.

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

- 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. We do this by adhering to legal waste disposal and recycling contracts, and by conducting regular reviews of our energy usage and waste output to ensure compliance with environmental law, including regulations related to the UK Climate Change Act 2008.
- 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 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.