

EASTLEIGH COLLEGE - ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

Statement of Principles

The College is committed to the principle and practice of environmental protection and sustainable development, with a focus on continuing improvement and reducing pollution. The College will seek to improve its environmental performance in the areas of academic programmes, infrastructure and operations, communications and facilities as summarised below.

OBJECTIVES

Leadership and Management

- To develop the strategic aims, policies, arrangements, resources and management of the College in terms of environmental protection and sustainable development
- To align our activities with the expectations of our stakeholders in relation to our environmental impact and how we manage it (Corporate Social Responsibility)

Academic Programmes

- To raise learners' awareness of environmental issues through incorporation of material and specific units of study on environment and sustainable development into courses and by emphasising the sustainability practices and behaviours that occur across the College
- To provide and promote education and training on environmental issues to College employees so that they can develop their working practices in an environmentally responsible way

Infrastructure and Operations

- To reduce energy consumption and to implement long term strategies for energy efficiency into the planning and development of the estate
- To monitor and reduce water consumption
- To reduce the volume of waste produced and to increase the recycling of materials, disposing of all waste and effluents in a safe and responsible manner
- To seek, where practical, suppliers and contractors who demonstrate a clear commitment to environmental management and sustainable development
- To promote the use of environmentally-friendly means of transport by staff, learners and suppliers and to review the operation of College controlled vehicles

Communications

- To inform staff and learners about local and global environmental issues and to involve them where practical in the College's environmental initiatives
- To provide specific education and training to support local and regional initiatives

A series of targets have been identified in respect of each of the above objectives. Progress against these targets will be monitored by the SMT.

This policy will be reviewed two-yearly by the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Approved by Finance & General Purposes Committee, 18 November 2015