



# Environmental Policy

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## 1. Introduction

- 1.1 With respect to environmental sustainability, City of Glasgow College will play a major role in the strategy to secure a 'Sustainable Glasgow'. Through our commitment to minimising our impact on the environment and development of sustainable initiatives, we aim to both improve our energy efficiency, reduce our carbon footprint and influence positive behaviours amongst our staff and student population.

## 2. Purpose and Aims

- 2.1 To ensure Financial Sustainability meeting all statutory & governance requirements and supporting a positive and innovative student experience.
- 2.2 To secure diversity of income and sustainable development.
- 2.3 To be a best practice organisation in procurement and achieve value for money through continually improving our sustainable procurement practice.
- 2.4 To develop and implement sound environmental management policies and practices across the College.

### 3. Scope

- 3.1 This policy applies to all activities carried out by the College including Students, Staff, Visitors, Contractors and Suppliers which impact the environment.

### 4. Policy Statement

- 4.1 To ensure that environmental factors are integrated into our management processes and that objectives are set for continual improvement.
- 4.2 To ensure that environmental review of products and services is integrated into our procurement processes, in achieving best value.
- 4.3 To maximise energy efficiency and use of low carbon technology.
- 4.4 To minimise waste and ensure zero waste to landfill.
- 4.5 To promote sustainable travel and actively promote and encourage the use of modern communication technologies where possible.
- 4.6 To maximise resource efficiency and facilitate repair, reuse and recycling.
- 4.7 To support the development of our employees and ensure that they receive training appropriate to their role in implementing our environmental policy.
- 4.8 To comply with relevant legislation and regulations.
- 4.9 To engage with our Students and support them with their studies in a sustainable way, embedding sustainability in the curriculum as appropriate.
- 4.10 To provide sufficient funding as is reasonably practicable in supporting this policy.

## 5. Definitions

- 5.1 None

## 6. Responsibilities

- 6.1 Head of Facilities Management responsible for annual return of the Public Bodies Climate Reporting Duties to Scottish Government, and Chairs the Environmental Sustainability Working Group (ESWG), whose focus will be to recognise our impacts on the environment and do everything possible to reduce same.
- 6.2 Members of ESWG are responsible to assist in identifying our impacts, forming subgroups where applicable and becoming active in our aims.

## 7. References

### 7.1. Policy Framework

| Associated Policies and Procedures | Title                           |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Policy Framework                   | Sustainability Strategy 2021-26 |
| Policy                             |                                 |
| Procedure                          |                                 |

### 7.2. Other College Policies and Procedures

| Policy / Procedure | Title |
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### 7.3. External References

| Source | Title |
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## 8. Document Control and Review

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## 9. Revision Log

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