



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 reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, reduce resource use, improve biodiversity and influence positive behaviors 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 Goals

- 4.1 To ensure that environmental factors, including emissions, resource use and climate risk, are integrated 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 support sustainable travel behaviors and encourage the use of most modern and eco friendly communication technologies where possible.
- 4.6 To maximize resource efficiency including reducing overall procurement of resources and the facilitation of 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, including the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009.
- 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 The climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, requires an organisation to have formal oversight of this statutory requirement. At COGC, the Associate Director for Facilities, Front house and Reception has this responsibility and Chairs the Environmental Sustainability Working Group (ESWG).
- 6.2 The ESWG allows the board to review progress and direct the organisations focus in recognising our potential impacts on the environment. Members of ESWG are responsible to assist in identifying our impacts, forming subgroups where applicable and becoming active in our aims.
- 6.3 Each Subgroup champions a particular subject or specialisation at the operational level allowing them the freedom and expertise to socialise intentions and explore the practicalities of implementation and delivery of workable and achievable goals to deliver the ESWG intent during the report back to the main Group.
- 6.4 The production and delivery of our annual return of the Public Bodies Climate Reporting Duties to Scottish Government, allows ESWG to demonstrate that we have undertaken our due diligence to our responsibilities and have done everything practicable to reduce our Environmental impact.

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

7.3. External References

Source	Title

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9. Revision Log

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Version 2.1 Feb 2012		Update to Policy
Version 3.0 Feb 2021	All	Full Redraft of Policy
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