

Sustainability and Environment Development Policy

TYPE: Policy

PURPOSE: To inform staff, students, contractors project partners (e.g ESF funded projects) and visitors of the Sustainability and Environment Development Policy.

SCOPE: This policy applies to staff, students, contractors and visitors.

RESPONSIBILITY: The Vice Principal Finance is responsible for this policy

LEGAL CONTEXT: Environmental Protection Act 1990, The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013, Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010, The Waste Framework Directive, Climate Change Act 2008

Solihull College and University Centre identifies sustainable development as development “meeting present needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”.

The policy sets out the College commitment to promote responsibility for the environment within the organisation, and to communicate and implement this policy at all levels within the College. To develop a College which is sustainably procured, operated and managed, is resource efficient, and integrates the principles of sustainability into working practices which improve the environment for its users.

The College undertakes to:

- To reduce the use of energy, water and other resources.
- Making sustainability integral to the delivery of teaching and operational objectives by taking positive actions to continually promote environmental improvement; and setting and achieving clearly defined sustainable development objectives and targets.

We will seek to continuously improve through a programme of activities that will promote sustainable development and minimise the harmful effects of our operations. We will work with others to progress environmental initiatives and share best practice.

In particular we will:

- Improve environment management systems.
- Make sustainability and environmental best practice part of our culture.
- Reuse and recycle equipment and materials where possible, and dispose of waste in an environmentally sensitive manner.
- Promote sustainable procurement methods.
- Work with partners and externally funded projects to address sustainability challenges.
- Promote and manage efficiency in our current operations and in capital projects.
- Promote sustainable forms of transport.
- Develop and deliver appropriate teaching and learning in order to encourage all students to be aware of the concepts of social, ecological and ethical responsibilities.
- Set objectives and targets and enable us to measure our performance.
- Endeavour to operate in ways that minimise any adverse impacts to the local community.
- Maximise the efficient use of energy and materials, continually improve pollution prevention measures and increase use of renewable resources.

Sustainability Group

The aim of the group is to support and contribute to the sustainability agenda of Solihull College and University Centre. This will be achieved by sharing best practice, developing sustainable principles and embedding them into all aspects of College values, working together to enhance the environmental sustainability of the department and its community of staff, students and partners.

Head of Estates (Chair)
Director of Risk Control and Compliance/ ESF Project Manager
Facilities Coordinator
Health and Safety
Campus Manager/ Director of Operations
Head of ICT
Staff Representation
Student Representation

Meetings

The Group shall normally meet biannually.

Reporting

The Sustainability Group will report progress at least once per year to the Senior Leadership Team (SLT).

Any member wishing to be part of the sustainability group should contact the Head of Estates on 0121 678 7093 or email: Facilities@Solihull.ac.uk

1. References

The Environmental Protection Act 1990 makes provision for the improved control of pollution to the air, water and land by regulating the management of waste and the control of emissions.

The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013 to reduce the amount of waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) incinerated or sent to landfill sites.

The Environmental Permitting Regulations (England and Wales) 2010 require regulators to control certain activities which could harm the environment or human health.

The Waste Framework Directive is intended to prevent or reduce the adverse effects of the landfill of waste on the environment.

The Climate Change Act 2008 is the basis for the UK's approach to tackling and responding to climate change. It requires that emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are reduced and that climate change risks are prepared for.

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