

Sustainable Development Policy 2019-20



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OVERVIEW

To reflect Waltham Forest College's commitment to promoting a sound awareness and understanding of local, national, global environmental issues and, through its own practices, to operate in such a way as to both conserve and improve the environment.

BACKGROUND AND PURPOSE

Waltham Forest College (The College) is committed to the responsible use of energy, water and other resources with the aim of minimising any negative impact on the environment.

The College is committed to a continual improvement in environmental performance and to achieve best practice benchmark standards for FE Colleges wherever practicable.

The College is committed to meet all relevant legal requirements.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all staff, learners as well as the wider community. This policy will form part of a broader campaign to promote awareness and understanding of environmental issues and how the College can support them.

OBJECTIVES

In order to fulfill these commitments, the College will provide senior level engagement and cost effective resources for environmental improvement and long term sustainability to reach the following objectives:

1. On-going implementation of a formal environmental management system and controls in accordance with the International Environmental Management System standard ISO14001;
2. Reducing the use of natural resources and the emission of carbon dioxide;
3. Minimising waste production and reducing the environmental consequences of waste through re-use and recycling;
4. Avoiding or limiting wherever practical the use of environmental damaging substances, materials and processes;
5. Preventing pollution where possible and reducing pollution through the responsible management of toxic, chemical and hazardous waste;
6. Minimising any adverse environmental impact of new development;
7. Recognizing the benefit of green spaces and working to enhance the ecological value of the estate;
8. Communicating within Waltham Forest College and to the outside community on environmental performance and best practice.

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Deputy Principal Corporate Resources is responsible for ensuring compliance, supported by the Director of Finance and Estates.

REVIEW

This policy will be reviewed every two years by the Deputy Principal Corporate Resources.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Who will benefit from the policy?

All staff, students and visitors to the College will benefit from the proposals detailed in the Policy. The wider community will benefit in terms of the College and the College community reducing its environmental impact.

Is it likely that the policy could have a positive or negative impact on any group or individuals?

The College will ensure that all staff students and visitors are aware of the Environmental Sustainability Policy so they can make their own informed personal decisions from the information provided. All staff and students will have access to the same activities organised through the Policy and will have access to the same information.