



# Sustainability Policy

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

Herefordshire & Ludlow College recognises the strain human activity places upon our planet, and is committed to reducing the environmental impact of its operations and activities. We will monitor, review and encourage the reduction of our environmental impact in key areas such as :-

- Use of fossil fuels
- Waste
- Recycling
- Transport

## 2 POLICY OBJECTIVES

There are five main objectives of this policy:

- Develop a culture where we all consider waste and energy usage as we carry out our duties
- Comply with U.K. Government legislation on environmental sustainability and waste management
- Provide facilities for recycling across all our campuses
- Monitor and improve our energy usage
- Reduce our “carbon footprint”

## 3 RELEVANCE

The Sustainability Policy is relevant to everyone involved with Herefordshire & Ludlow College, including students.

## 4 RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUSTAINABILITY

- Sustainability is the responsibility of the College as a corporate entity
- College Management Team (CMT) and the Operational Management team (OMT) are responsible for encouraging this policy across their areas of responsibility including students
- The Head of ICT & Estates is responsible for the management of the sustainability policy

## 5 LEGISLATION

The College will comply with all UK legislation affecting sustainability.

## 6 SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

The College is committed to sustainability through reducing our consumption of materials and energy. In order to meet this commitment we will :-

### General Sustainability

- Include Sustainability within College courses where relevant.
- Publicise recycling, energy efficiency and resource management initiatives to staff and students.
- Work with relevant External Agencies to identify best practice, in particular Herefordshire Council (HC) and “The Environmental Association for Universities and Colleges (EAUC)
- Work with our suppliers to ensure they contribute to our sustainability policy.

### Waste Management

- Identify the types and producers of waste within the college
- Monitor the quantities of waste sent to landfill and recycling.
- Set targets for improvement in quantities of waste sent to landfill and recycling
- Provide facilities for recycling on our sites, working with Hereford College of Arts (HCA) and Hereford Sixth Form College (HSFC) at the Hereford Campus.
- Advise staff on how to minimize the production of waste

### Energy Management

- To consider energy efficiency when selecting products to purchase
- Review energy efficiency of existing infrastructure and replace where cost effective
- Take advantage of our investment in new buildings to utilise modern energy efficient technologies
- Promote “green” driving techniques
- Monitor energy usage
- Set targets for improvements in energy usage.

### Environment

- Monitor water usage
- Set targets for improvements in water usage
- Take advantage of our investment in new buildings to reduce water usage
- Promote Water saving techniques
- Avoid the use of toxic materials

## **7 SUMMARY**

By monitoring the impact the College has on the environment and following this policy we will improve our “green” credentials for the benefit of staff, students and the local community.