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### 1.0 Policy Statement

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to support the achievement of the outcomes identified within the College's Strategic Plan in terms of our sustainability strategy.
- 1.2 This policy will support the implementation of our "Purpose":
- "To work together to raise aspirations and success through excellence in all that we do whilst striving to achieve the best sustainable practices."

### 2.0 Scope

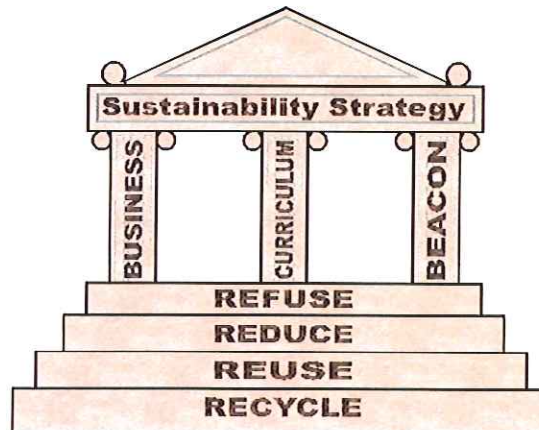
- 2.1 The scope of this policy will be all of the policies, procedures and processes of the College.

### 3.0 Key Principles

- 3.1 This policy will be implemented in a manner that embraces our "Core Principles":
- Togetherness - Respect and value all those we come into contact with
  - Standards - Consistently deliver the highest quality in all that we do
  - Sustainability - Promote the protection of our environment in our business activities
  - Customer Care - Put learners and customers at the heart of everything we do

### 4.0 General

- 4.1 This policy will be implemented in accordance with all existing and emerging legislation.
- 4.2 The sustainability strategy for South Staffordshire College is shown as having three pillars of curriculum development, business engagement and excellent internal business operations. These three Strategic pillars are built on a foundation of refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle which inform our approach to improving and sustaining our environment whilst achieving efficiency gains for the College.



4.3 South Staffordshire College will aim to:

- Comply with and, where practicable, exceed all relevant regulatory and legislative requirements.
- Take into consideration the options related to refuse, reduce, reuse and recycle in all of its policies, procedures and processes.
- Prevent polluting practices and activities
- Set stretching targets and actions to ensure a continuous reduction of the valuable resources we use supported by effective monitoring arrangements.
- Ensure our curriculum meets the needs of all learners and other stakeholders in the area of sustainability, environment, land-based occupations and food.
- Develop and deliver programmes that suit the needs of existing and emerging industries and communities.
- Engage with and proactively collaborate with communities and external organisations who share similar aims to our own
- Strive for continual improvement in our environmental performance and prevention of pollution
- Establish ourselves as a beacon of good sustainable business practice.

4.4 This policy will be implemented through the delivery of a Sustainability Strategy

## 5.0 Monitoring and Review

- 5.1 This Policy has been supported by the Board at its meeting on 16 March 2009 and is to be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis.
- 5.2. The internal monitoring of the implementation of this policy will be the responsibility of the Director of Curriculum and Quality (Rodbaston) who will produce regular progress reports, at their request, to the Board.
- 5.3 The responsibility for ensuring that this policy, and its associated processes and procedures, remain appropriate and comply with changes in legislation will be the Vice Principal Curriculum and Quality (Cannock and Rodbaston).