



Sustainability & Climate Action Policy

Policy Statement

Sustainability & Climate Action is one of the three key themes that underpins everything we do - as stated in our Strategic Plan, ⁱ

We recognise the need to increase the scope and pace of work to respond to the global climate emergency. This policy sets out how CoBC will support Bristol's climate change ambitions and, through doing so, contribute to local, regional, national and international targets. This includes our commitment to signing up to the Bristol One City Climate Change Ask to declare our ambition to work towards becoming Net Zero by 2030ⁱⁱ.

Scope



- **ICT** - Continue to invest in ICT to replace older ICT equipment with newer more energy efficient options. Use of cloud services, where appropriate, to reduce the need for on premise equipment and its associated impact on environment.

Business Operations and Staff Development:

- **Travel** – continue to utilise ICT to reduce the need for journeys particularly between college sites. Continue to promote sustainable transport options and support staff to do so through changes to the travel policy.
- **Finance & Procurement** – consider sustainability through procurement procedures including throughout our supply chain. Keep under review potential investments including influence in relation to the pension funds.
- **Training & CPD** - to continue with training and CPD for existing staff with inclusion of sustainability goals in induction material for new staff.

Curriculum Strategy and support for students:

- **Promoting sustainability** – ensure that in vocational and academic curriculum all students at all levels have exposure to meaningful and centrally curated high-quality teaching and support materials that promote sustainability
- **Audit curriculum** - using Responsible Futures framework a team of teaching, support and management staff from across the college to audit the college’s curriculum, including hidden curriculum, against the Sustainable Development goals
- **Train and develop teachers’ current industry practice** – ensure that teaching staff have the skills and knowledge to incorporate sustainability into curriculum for all courses. Teaching staff are best placed to incorporate sustainability into their curriculum – for example, in methods of sustainable construction, or sustainable materials – and should be given the license to think creatively about how to educate students in these issues.
- **Raise awareness** – through student enrichment activities and other college wide initiatives the college will raise awareness of green issues and initiatives both on campus and in the wider local community


Linked policies (or Linked policies and procedures)

This policy is underpinned by the Sustainability & Climate Action Plan

- y [Estates Strategy](#)
- y [IT Guidance](#)
- y [Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking Statement](#)

Review frequency: 3 years.

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ⁱ There are three key themes that underpin everything we do - working with partners to make a difference in the College, the City and beyond. The three themes are all interlinked and we will be mindful of the need to consider them as a whole rather than as individual strands.

ⁱⁱ <https://www.bristolonecity.com/climate-ask/>