

RUNSHAW COLLEGE

POLICY TITLE: SUSTAINABILITY POLICY STATEMENT

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Runshaw College understands that climate change and ecological destruction are some of the biggest challenges of our time and that Colleges, like all institutions, have a responsibility to address them.

The [2021-2024 Strategic Plan](#) sets out the College's commitment to sustainability with the following strategic priority:



Sustainability – We take care to limit our environmental impact and make best use of natural resources by reducing our carbon footprint, improving resource efficiencies through recycling, setting energy targets, raising awareness and monitoring impact. We educate and support staff and students to make lasting changes to behaviour and working practices to proactively improve the local and wider environment and create a positive future.

To support this strategy, the College is committed to implementing the principles and initiatives as set out in the [The Climate Action Roadmap for FE Colleges](#), including :

Leadership and governance

- To incorporate sustainability into strategic planning and governance arrangements.
- To allocate ring fenced budgets to support sustainability projects.
- To establish a clear reporting and monitoring schedule against sustainability initiatives and net zero targets.

Data collection

- To provide training and development on the measurement of emissions and carbon footprint
- To facilitate procedures and processes to support the measurement of the colleges carbon footprint.

Teaching, learning and research

- To provide time and resource for the delivery of carbon literacy training to staff and students.
- To support the incorporation of climate change and environmental issues into the curriculum.

Estates and operations


- To support the switch to renewable energy on part/all of the estate.
- To facilitate carbon reduction initiatives as defined in the travel plan.
- Support waste reduction and plastic-free strategies.

Partnership and engagement

- To implement sustainable procurement practices
- To support and actively participate in local, regional and national sustainability campaigns.

Environmental regulations, laws and codes of practice will be regarded as setting the minimum standards of environmental performance.

This policy statement will be brought to the attention of all members of staff and students and copies will be freely available to the general public, suppliers, contractors and regulatory authorities.

Signature 

Name Warren Middleton
Chair of Governors

Date September 2022

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Principal & CEO

Date August 2022