



UK COLLEGE
OF BUSINESS AND COMPUTING

Sustainability Policy

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Introduction

Sustainability is an important word in today's Global World. It helps us to outline the sustainability considerations within our business decisions, with a plan of how to prevent issues arising. The idea is to show consideration to the environment and natural resources. Sustainable procurement would also have the objective of social progress that recognises the needs of all stakeholders, including the wider community.

Links to QAA Quality Code

This document is designed to underpin the process of environmental stewardship with regards to sustainability of resources in the delivery of UKCBC's activity. In doing so it takes reference from the Quality Code expectation for quality core practices including:

*From admission through to completion, all students are provided with the support that they need to succeed in and benefit from higher education. Staff are appropriately supported and developed, in turn, to support their students. Learning and teaching activity is inclusive in its approach, providing all students with parity of quality of learning opportunities, ensuring they are appropriately supported to flourish. **Guiding Principles 1-9***

Benefits

It helps us identify our SWOT and guide us to change the way of as to how our business operates. It will help us to meet our current challenges and future with regards to savings, work opportunities and diversification. It will help us to save money in terms of service planning, waste management and differentiate from our competitors, improve reputation with stakeholders.

Purpose

The College is committed embedding the principles of sustainable development across the whole scope of its activities and acknowledges that:

- Human activities put a strain on the environment with potentially devastating effects worldwide on economies, societies and the environment.
- Economic growth and development of our communities is a necessity for survival, but we have to reconcile our needs with those of the environment to make this happen.
- Sustainable development can have a positive impact on local economies, communities and the environment across the globe.
- Maintaining compliance with all relevant UK legislative and regulatory requirements and ISO 14001 requirements as a minimum standard. Evaluate all the direct and indirect environmental aspects and impacts and prioritise action to address them.
- Ensuring continuous improvement through reducing and eliminating sources of pollution and developing appropriate control mechanisms.
- Ensuring that sustainable development is fully understood by staff and students and is enshrined within all aspects of planning activities.

- Reviewing all our activities and operations in order to identify, understand and implement sustainability.
- UKCBC has a significant role to play in incorporating sustainable development into our operations and the lives of the individuals, communities and business that we serve.

Objectives:

UKCBC aims to be regarded as a leader of the sustainability agenda in Higher Education. Sustainability has been defined as 'meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of the future generations to meet their own needs'.

Through its focus on sustainability, the College will:

- Achieve enthusiasm and commitment from staff, students and partners
- Provide all students with the opportunity to explore aspects across all areas of the curriculum.
- Achieve measurable reductions to its carbon footprints.
- Try going green as much as possible, by minimising printing, going electronic and reduce paper usage, recycle, minimise waste, reduce plastics and other products which are harmful to the environment.
- Environmental user-friendly approach.

Aims

Through the Sustainability Policy, The College aims to:

- Adopt, as far as possible, recognised good practice across all of its operations.
- Comply with all applicable legal requirements
- Regularly review Sustainability targets against appropriate benchmarks
- Provide all learners with the opportunity to raise awareness of sustainability issues through sustainability related curriculum and enrichment activities.
- Encourage sustainable travel by staff, learners and other stakeholders advisable.
- Promote the conservation of material resources to reduce environmental impact.
- Purchase from local, or near local suppliers wherever possible
- Implement an effective waste management procedure that will reduce the use of landfill by recycling opportunities
- Monitor energy consumption against past performance.
- Communicate the Sustainability Policy to all Learners and staff.
- Raise awareness about sustainability with learners, staff, visitors and others
- Try to ensure that information on the Colleges progress in Sustainability is made available to learners and staff
- Work with external partners and the community.