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# **Sustainability Statement**

## Statement

Burnley College is committed to promoting sustainability. Concern for the environment and promoting a broader sustainability agenda are integral to Burnley College's professional activities and the management of the organisation. We aim to follow and to promote outstanding sustainability practice, to reduce the environmental impacts of all our activities and to help our students, staff and stakeholders to do the same.

Our sustainable statement is framed by the College Purpose, Strategic Objectives and Goals and will be communicated to all stakeholders.

Our sustainability principles will serve as a foundation for all areas of our business and we will continuously improve our performance and set measurable objectives and targets which shall be reviewed at appropriate intervals.

## Principles

Our sustainability statement is based upon the following principles:

- To comply with, and exceed where practicable, all applicable legislation, regulations and codes of practice.
- To integrate sustainability considerations into all our business decisions.
- To ensure that all staff and students are fully aware of our Sustainability Statement and are committed to implementing and improving it.
- To minimise the impact on sustainability for all educational activities.
- To make stakeholders, suppliers and students aware of our Sustainability Statement and encourage them to adopt sound sustainable management practices.
- To review, annually report, and to continually strive to improve our sustainability performance.

## Practical Steps

In order to put these principles into practice, as a start we will:

- adopt an energy efficiency awareness campaign to switch off all non essential equipment and lighting when not in use.
- promote staff and students awareness of their role in minimising the environmental impact of their activity.
- minimise waste and maximise reuse and recycling where possible.
- encourage staff to share transport wherever possible.
- deliver and grow our sustainability curriculum offer for students and businesses.
- embed sustainability in all our curriculum programmes to equip students to have a positive impact in every industry they progress into.
- reduce energy used from the national grid by optimising campus energy efficiency and generating our own renewable energy on site.

## **Sustainable Aims**

To become a more sustainable organisation, we want to:

- Reduce our energy consumption and carbon footprint by 2025.
- Deliver a sustainable campus infrastructure, with all construction and refurbishment projects contributing to increased sustainability.
- Create a sustainable food culture, providing Fairtrade products where possible and working with local food partners to increase the demand and supply of seasonable, local and organic food
- Embed sustainable procurement, where practical
- Support the community and local, regional and social enterprise through business community partnerships.
- Embed sustainability throughout the curriculum to equip and empower all students and businesses that we work with to make a positive impact in the wider world.
- Continue to develop a specific curriculum offer to support growth in sustainability jobs by training the workforce needed now and into the future.

## **Related Procedures and Documents**

- Health, Safety and Wellbeing Policy
- College Strategic Objectives and Goals
- Financial Regulations

## **Responsibility**

This statement is the responsibility of the Director of Finance and Resources

## **Date of Last Review**

March 2023