

**Harrow College** 

**College Policies & Procedures** 

# **Environmental Policy Statement**

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#### **Version Control**

1.0	First version – Claire Savaryn – November 2014
1.1	Annual review – Judith Abbott – November 2015
1.2	Annual review – Claire Savaryn – November 2016

#### **Related Policies and Procedures**

- Waste Management Policy
- Environmental Management System
- Sustainable Development Policy

## **Legal and External Framework**

None specific to this policy

## **Background and Purpose**

The College is committed to responsible use of energy, water and other resources with the aim of minimising any negative impact on the environment.

The College is committed to a continual improvement in environmental performance and to achieving best practice benchmark standards for FE Colleges wherever practicable.

The College is committed to meeting all relevant legal requirements.

#### **Audience**

All staff, students and the wider community. This will be part of a broader campaign to promote awareness and understanding of environmental issues and how the College can support them.

# **Objectives**

In order to fulfil these commitments, the College will provide senior level engagement, and cost-effective resources for environmental improvement and long term sustainability to reach the following objectives.

- 1. On-going implementation of a formal environmental management system and controls in accordance with the International Environmental Management System standard ISO14001.
- 2. Reducing the use of natural resources and the emission of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>).

- 3. Minimising waste production and reducing the environmental consequences of waste through re-use and re-cycling.
- 4. Avoiding or limiting wherever practical the use of environmentally damaging substances, materials and processes.
- 5. Preventing pollution where possible and reducing pollution through the responsible management of toxic, chemical and hazardous waste.
- 6. Minimising any adverse environmental impact of new development.
- 7. Recognising the benefit of green spaces and working to enhance the ecological value of the estate.
- 8. Communicating within Harrow College and to the outside community on environmental performance and best practise.

## Responsibilities

The Executive Director of Finance and Resources is responsible for ensuring compliance, supported by the Head of Estates and the Environmental Coordinator.

### **Review**

This policy statement will be reviewed annually by the Executive Director of Finance and Resources.