

## BUILDING YOUR GREEN FUTURE

## **Sustainability Commitment Statement**

The Board of Management, Principal and Senior Management Team of Forth Valley College recognise its moral and legal responsibilities to sound sustainability management, encompassing environmental, social, economic and technological factors, in line with the College vision for 'Making Learning Work'.

Forth Valley College is committed to minimising environmental impact from its activities and recognise its corporate responsibility, as provider of further education, to act in a responsible manner whilst also promoting sustainability issues within the course provision, for future generations to adopt and continue development of their heritage and culture.

Sustainability includes the social aspect of interaction with employees, students, stakeholders and the community to ensure a positive image and service with minimal negative impact for future societies, covering the wider aspects of sustainable growth.

Forth Valley College has implemented and integrated a Management System for sustainability to achieve the key strategic principles identified and will aim to continuously improve its performance by monitoring these key principles and aspects of sustainability into the operational and strategic planning.

Forth Valley College will, so far as is reasonably practicable;

- Establish sound management processes to ensure environmental, social and economic risks are identified, quantified, prioritised and managed in an appropriate and timely way; whilst complying with current legislative controls.
- Manage its operations in ways that are environmentally and economically sustainable by making efficient and responsible use of energy and water whilst exploiting opportunities to maximise efficiency and reduce and minimise pollution and waste to landfill.;
- Minimise material use and waste production by way of reduced consumption, developing and maintaining effective waste management and recycling procedures;
- Collaborate with key suppliers to promote environmentally, socially and responsible procurement of goods and services, and improved technological ways of working whilst considering both the production and end of life cycle for products and services;
- Invest in staff development, skills and attributes to maintain sustainable improvements with investment in training and the promotion of marketing and initiatives;
- Continue a process of communication to raise and maintain awareness amongst staff and students; promoting individual good practice, encouraging team participation to ensure all activity complies with the college aims and reduces potential negative impact on environmental, social and economic sustainability;
- Promote a sustainable travel management plan;
- Provide health surveillance for key employees and health initiatives for staff and learners, providing a basis for maximising longevity potential; including diet, health and exercise;
- · Promote sustainable behaviour into the curriculum delivery in association with key stakeholders and wider community;
- Measure effectiveness and compliance and report regularly on the organisations sustainability performance targets; identifying further
  opportunities for continual improvement to reduce potential negative impacts at an early stage, taking appropriate action where
  reasonably practicable;
- Integrate sustainable concerns into all planning and design decisions, maintenance and management of its Estate;
- · Liaise with the Local Community and other Stakeholders on sustainability issues;
- Maintain emergency procedures and contingency planning to deal effectively with any significantly harmful environmental, social and economic impact which may arise as a result of its activities;

This statement will be brought to the attention of all employees and students in all Campus sites, via the intranet and health and safety notice boards. It is the duty of all parties to support the college sustainability aims and report any concerns or non compliance.

Signed by the College Principal:

Chair of the Board of Management:

Date: 3.7.21

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