



# 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 sustainable management, including environmental, social, economic and technological factors, in line with the College vision for 'Making Learning Work'.

Forth Valley College is committed to minimising the environmental impact of its activities and recognises its corporate responsibility, as a provider of further education, to act in a responsible manner whilst promoting sustainability issues within course provision and to encourage future generations to adopt and continue development of their heritage and culture. In this way sustainability includes social considerations; interaction with employees, students, stakeholders and the community to ensure a positive role for the college and to minimise negative impacts for future groups.

Forth Valley College has integrated sustainability and emissions reduction into operational and strategic planning through its Strategic Plan, Net Zero Plan, annual Public Bodies Climate Change Duties Reporting and adoption of the Climate Action Roadmap for FE Colleges.

Forth Valley College will, so far is reasonably practical;

- Establish sound management processes to ensure environmental, social and economic risks are identified and managed appropriately; whilst complying with current legislation;
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to achieve national and sectoral net zero targets, whilst measuring and reporting emissions - to fulfil public sector obligations and to monitor progress;
- Manage operations sustainably by making efficient and responsible use of resources, including energy and water, to minimise pollution and waste;
- Minimise material consumption and waste production, developing and maintaining effective waste management and recycling procedures and support a circular economy;
- Collaborate with suppliers to promote responsible procurement of goods and services, new working practices, and the sustainable production and end of life cycle of products;
- Invest in staff development to increase knowledge of sustainable practices;
- Raise and maintain awareness of sustainability initiatives amongst staff and students; promoting individual good practice and encouraging team participation with college aims;
- Promote sustainable modes of transport through delivery of a Strategic Travel Plan;
- Include sustainability in curriculum delivery through key stakeholders and wider community, including raising awareness of the UN Sustainable Development Goals;
- Measure the effectiveness of sustainability initiatives, to identify further and encourage action, monitoring progress against the Net Zero Plan and Climate Action Roadmap for FE Colleges;
- Integrate sustainability into all planning, design and management of its Estate;
- Liaise with the Local Community and other Stakeholders on sustainability issues;
- Deliver a considered approach to climate change adaptation, to identify and prepare for the likely impacts of increasingly severe weather events;
- Maintain emergency procedures and contingency planning to deal effectively with harmful environmental, social and economic events which may occur;
- Maintain and develop outdoor spaces on campus to provide benefit to local biodiversity and associated well-being benefits to stakeholders;
- 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;

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:

Date: 19.05.23

Chair of the Board of Management:

Date: 19.05.23

