



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Statement of Aims

Esher College acknowledges its share of responsibility for taking care of its local environment. All staff, students and governors at the College and its other key stakeholders share the vision of, and commitment to, environmental sustainability. We seek to minimise the environmental impact of College activities, consistent with achieving our overall Mission.

Groups

Environmental sustainability at the College is the responsibility of the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), the Environmental Sustainability Committee and the Finance & Estates Committee.

SLT has overall responsibility for the environmental sustainability of the College and the setting of long-term goals. Matters affecting the environment will be brought to Operational Development meetings by the Director of Finance & Estates when appropriate.

The Environmental Sustainability Group comprises the Director of Finance and Estates, the Environmental Champion, the Eco Executive from the Student Union and staff members. It meets termly and focuses predominantly on exploring ideas for sustainable use of the College grounds and investigating and developing ways of raising the environmental consciousness of the College community. Minutes of the meetings are submitted to the Finance & Estates Committee.

The Finance & Estates Committee receives and considers the minutes of Environmental Sustainability Group meetings. The committee will also receive an annual report from the Director of Finance and Estates in the spring meeting of each year, which monitors and summarises the environmental impact of the College. This report will also be considered by the Environmental Sustainability Group.

Objectives

The College will focus on seven key areas:

1. Energy
 - to promote a more sustainable approach to the use of consumables, energy and water within the College
2. Recycling and waste
 - to encourage re-use and recycling
 - to encourage reduced printing throughout the College
3. Procurement and purchasing
 - to consider, as part of the procurement process, the sustainability credentials of potential contractors

4. Transport
 - to encourage sustainable means of transport used by students, staff and visitors
5. College campus
 - to consider the environmental sustainability of the College grounds, particularly with respect to new buildings and the green areas of the estate
6. Local environment
 - to raise awareness amongst students of ways to work towards environmental sustainability in the local area
7. Environmental awareness
 - to include environment-focused activities in College life, such as in the Personal Development Programme and Green Week

The particular approach to each area will need to reflect financial realities and practical implications. Specific proposals will be considered by each of the groups and will form an annual Statement of Planned and Prior Activity that covers each area of focus, including key targets for the year.

Approved by the Finance and Estates Committee of the Corporation November 2017