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## Environmental Policy

### Purpose

**JFC is committed** to providing a quality service in a manner that ensures a safe and healthy environment for our staff, learners, employers, suppliers and minimises our potential impact on the environment.

**JFC recognises** that we have social responsibilities that go beyond the provisions of the relevant Acts and Regulations, and that we should support and contribute protecting the environment through all aspects of our work and practices. In so doing **we will** operate in compliance with all relevant environmental legislation and we will strive to use pollution prevention and environmental best practices in all we do.

**JFC will promote** environmental awareness among our staff, learners, employers, suppliers and encourage them to work in an environmentally responsible manner as well as train, educate and inform our staff, learners, employers, suppliers about environmental issues that may affect their work,

**JFC will take** positive steps to ensure that we promote the following and actively encourage the following principles to our staff, learners, employers and suppliers

- Transport
- Recycling of packaging materials
- Minimising waste
- Efficient use of water and energy
- Minimising use of solvents and lead-based paints
- Procedures to minimise noise disturbance to neighbours
- Phasing out of CFCs and ozone-depleting substances.

**JFC will review** and monitor our environmental progress every three years to ensure that we continue to make a positive impact on the environment.

### Scope

This policy covers the college's approach to the environment and sustainability and therefore applies to all college staff, learners, and governors.

To measure our performance and continually improve on this, we have set out an **Environmental Management System** with the following scope:

- Delivering green skills and supporting green jobs in our local community
- Educating learners and communities to build a more sustainable future
- Developing a net zero campus and building resilience to environmental change.

We are working with greenly <https://greenly.earth/en-gb>. This system allows us to monitor our CO2 emissions in real time, and define our reduction trajectory. It is adapted to our company and goals, to define a customized action plan to help take effective steps towards reducing emissions.

We will use this system to manage our carbon footprint with our team, assigning tasks to different people and getting everyone involved in making a positive impact.

Our carbon reduction plan for 2023 is processed by greenly and report due for publication on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023. This will be made available on our website.

### **Responsibility**

The Centre Manager will ensure compliance with this policy

The overall responsibility for this policy lies with the Director of Studies.

The Health, Safety & Sustainable Developments Advisor will ensure that this policy is updated and relevant

### **Aims and objectives**

In accordance with the above policy statement, it is the policy of the college to:

#### **Delivering green skills and supporting green jobs in our local community**

- Playing a central role in local skills planning and delivery in partnership with local employers and stakeholders.
- Supporting careers advice and skills development for green jobs
- Working in partnership with employers and other stakeholders to deliver accessible skills support to local industry.

#### **Educating learners and communities to build a more sustainable future**

- Offering opportunities for all full-time and substantial part-time learners through courses and enrichment activity to understand how their action and careers can make a difference to the environment.
- Supporting all delivery staff to incorporate climate responsibility and sustainability into their curriculum.
- Collaborating with external stakeholders to drive the sustainability agenda in our community.

#### **Developing a net zero campus and building resilience to environmental change.**

- Meeting or exceeding carbon emission reduction targets and publishing performance data to demonstrate progress towards targets.
- Developing a heat decarbonisation plan in line with net zero targets.
- Improving energy efficiency and modifying estates strategy in line with carbon reduction targets.
- Promoting and increasing recycling activity.
- Offering sustainable food on campus.
- Increasing bio-diversity on our campus.
- Divesting away from fossil fuels.
- Developing a climate risk strategy to mitigate against climate-related risk