



South
Lanarkshire
College
East Kilbride

SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Introduction

South Lanarkshire College is committed to the dual ethos of sustainability and responsible global citizenship.

The College has adopted a sustainability policy which provides a clear direction and positive approach to the sustainable maintenance, operation and ultimate disposal of the College building.

This policy will clarify our aspirations and set out standards and targets to be achieved, describe key issues to be addressed and clarify individual roles and responsibilities. These will naturally be linked to targets and suggestions within our Climate Action Plan.

The building is expected to fully meet user needs, requirements and expectations. It should be affordable, healthy and resource efficient, minimise pollution and long term liability and demonstrate best value.

Facilities will review this policy annually and update our activities in accordance with best practice.

Sustainability Policy

South Lanarkshire College is committed to ensure that sustainability and responsible citizenship are embedded in all its operations.

Sustainability is the maintenance of the environmental, social and economic systems so as to meet the needs and desires of humans in a just way for the future. It embraces the wise use of environmental resources and the concept of sustainable development which is “meeting the needs of a generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs” (Brundtland Report). The sustainability policy recognises the social, economic and environmental responsibilities of the College across its activities and outlines the Colleges commitment to the principals of sustainable development. It also recognises its role in the exchange of information and good practice over sustainability both within and outside the College.

South Lanarkshire College is committed to sustainability and seeks to become progressively more sustainable through time by:

- Supporting students and staff to work and live in more sustainable ways
- Exceeding relevant legislative requirements and demonstrating best practice
- Integrating sustainability into all strategies and activities of the College
- Embedding sustainability perspectives throughout the Colleges teaching and learning activities
- Assessing and reviewing progress against targets
- Enhancing mechanisms and capacities for more sustainable practices in the management and maintenance of the College estate
- Reducing waste, energy use and resource consumption