

## **Wilberforce Sixth Form College Corporation**

### **Environmental Sustainability Statement**

At the heart of our college are our learners, our staff and the community we serve. We recognise our responsibility both to them and to the environment in which we live. We seek to operate as a sustainable organisation, to improving our environmental sustainability performance and minimising the negative environmental impact of our activities for the benefit of our learners, our staff, and to the wider community.

We recognise that a sustainable, efficient, and fit-for-purpose estate is vital in meeting the current and long-term needs of all our stakeholders, and that the college campus must be a healthy and productive setting for learners to fulfil their potential. We also recognise our responsibility in mitigating against the future risks of climate change and the importance of minimising future risks through conscious decision making and forward planning. As such, environmental sustainability is emphasised within strategic decision making and planning and forms part of our Estates Strategy.

We also recognise that environmental sustainability is an important issue for our learners and staff, and we seek to develop environmental awareness and create a culture of responsibility across the College.

Our key environmental sustainability objectives are:

1. To create a culture of sustainability within our college.
2. To continuously strive to improve in our environmental sustainability performance and ensure that negative environmental impact is minimised.
3. To ensure that College growth is sustainable, and the risks associated with climate change are minimised.

Specifically, the College will focus its efforts on:

- Developing and maintaining an effective strategy for carbon emissions reduction, reducing waste and minimising pollution.
- Ensuring that improvements to the college campus are undertaken in a sustainable manner and are mindful of the future risks of climate change.
- Engaging learners, staff, and other stakeholders in initiatives to minimise environmental impact and promote environmental awareness.
- Sourcing and procuring, where feasible, more environmentally friendly goods and services.
- Improving energy efficiency and water conservation.
- Improving waste-management practices to minimise waste generation and maximise recycling.
- Encouraging sustainable travel amongst our stakeholders.