

# NCG Environmental Policy



<u>Policy Title</u>	<b>Environmental Policy</b>
<u>Policy Category</u>	Compliant
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<u>Group Executive Lead</u>	Chief Finance Officer
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<u>Equality Impact Assessment</u>	The implementation of this policy is not considered to have a negative impact on protected characteristics
<u>Freedom of Information</u>	This document will be publicly available through the Groups Publication Scheme.
<u>Review Date</u>	February 2024
<u>Policy Summary</u>	The purpose of the Environmental policy is to ensure that all colleges and NCG operate within environmental legislation and meet the targets set out in the NCG Environmental Strategy.

<u>Applicability of Policy</u>	<u>Consultation Undertaken</u>	<u>Applicable To</u>
Carlisle College	No	Yes
Kidderminster College	No	Yes
Lewisham College	No	Yes
Newcastle College	No	Yes
Newcastle Sixth Form College	No	Yes
Southwark College	No	Yes
West Lancashire College	No	Yes
Professional Services	No	Yes

<u>Changes to Earlier Versions</u>	
<u>Previous Approval Date</u>	<u>Summarise Changes Made Here</u>
January 2020	Policy has been condensed and now references NCGs environmental targets as set out in the NCG Environmental Strategy.

<u>Linked Documents</u>	
<u>Document Title</u>	<u>Relevance</u>
Environmental Strategy	Sets out NCGs environmental ambitions and targets till 2030
Waste Management Policy	NCGs policy on waste management and legislation.



## 1. Purpose

NCG is committed to the continual improvement of its environmental performance.

## 2. Commitments

We have an Environmental Strategy which covers the following areas:

Area	Target
Energy (Gas and Electricity)	50% Reduction in CO <sub>2</sub>
Travel	50% Reduction in CO <sub>2</sub>
Eco Campus	Platinum Award
Water	10% reduction
Waste	Zero to landfill and reduction
Food	50% reduction
Biodiversity	5% increase in biodiversity

A [summary version of our Environmental Strategy](#) is available on our website, and further information can be found on our [Environmental Information webpage](#).

We are also committed to:

- Reduce consumption and costs whilst satisfying the divisions needs for energy and water.
- Reduce the environmental impact of the colleges through better management of its material resources.
- Integrating environmental and sustainable principles into the colleges operational procedures and promoting best practice at every level.
- A commitment to the protection of the environment, including prevention of pollution.
- Re-use equipment where possible, increase recycling and promote the use of recycled materials in products and buildings.
- A commitment to the continual improvement of the environmental management system to enhance environmental performance.

## 3. Review

Our policy is to deliver the strategy which is valid until 2030.

The review of the policy will be carried out every three years or prior to this if there is a significant change in environmental legislation.