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Cambridge City Council Environment Policy and Climate Change Strategy Addendum: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Region of Learning (ESF project)

This document is an addendum to Cambridge City Council's Environment Policy and Climate Change Strategy; and applies directly to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Region of Learning ESF funded project.

Cambridge City Council statement of commitment to promote sustainable development

The Council has a written Environment Policy, which was approved on 5 October 2018. The Policy is published on the Council's website here: <https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/environment-policy-statement>

The Environment policy states that: *"The Council is committed to deliver the vision by promoting a high quality and **sustainable environment** which maximises the opportunities to improve energy efficiency, biodiversity and resilience".*

Council's position on procurement, providers and disposal of waste

The Council's Environment Policy states that:

- Waste to landfill will be reduced by increasing recycling rates for the City Council and Cambridge
- All tenderers will be required to incorporate our commitment to ensuring that all procurements consider the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City and surrounding area, in their submissions
- That Waste Electrical and Environmental Equipment (WEEE) waste is disposed of legally and is not mixed with general waste

The Council is a signatory to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Joint Waste Strategy for 2008-2022, which was produced by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Waste Partnership (RECAP). The strategy states that signatories to the strategy will *"implement the WEEE regulations by working with producer compliance schemes and developing a procedure for collection and disposal of WEEE – by 31st March 2009"*

The full strategy is available here: <https://www.recap.co.uk/about-recap>

Region of Learning and relationship to Council policies for staff and participants

The Council's Environment Policy covers Council staff and services. It states that:

- Cambridge City Council expects all staff and all residents to protect the environment and take personal responsibility for their actions.

- Appropriate training, instruction, and supervision to all our employees will be provided such that they are able to perform their duties in a way that supports our environment policy and objectives

Communication of the Environment Policy and Climate Change Strategy (including the Region of Learning policy addendum) and implementation plan to staff and participants

These policies will be made available using the following sources/methods:

- Cambridge City Council public facing website: we will create a webpage at www.cambridge.gov.uk that is specific to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Region of Learning project, which will contain download links to our policies, the Region of Learning policy addendum, and implementation plan. The webpage will also state that any individual can have a copy of these policies or plans sent to them by post.
- Cambridge City Council staff intranet: we will make sure that any policies, addendum and implementation plan can be accessed by staff through our staff portal, CityNet <https://citynet.cambridge.gov.uk> under 'Community Services'
- The Region of Learning Sustainability Policy addendum and Implementation Plan will form part of the staff recruitment process, and the documents made available when the individual staff roles are advertised publicly.
- Participants will be able to access and download the Cambridge City Council our policies, addendum, and implementation plan, via the Region of Learning website and mobile digital app. The website and mobile digital app will also state that any individual can have a copy of these policies or plans sent to them by post.

Policy monitoring and review arrangements

- The Council's Environment Policy states that it will be reviewed periodically, and not later than March 2021. The Environment Policy was published on the Cambridge City Council website on 5 October 2018. Cambridge City Council will be reviewing the policy shortly, and will seek to incorporate some of the key requirements in the revised policy.
- Our updated Climate Change Strategy (currently in draft form) will go to Committee for approval on 25 March 2021.

This policy addendum has been approved by:



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