

CORPORATION BOARD GOVERNANCE POLICIES

Public Value Statement

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1. Purpose

Abingdon & Witney College is committed to adding value to the social, economic and physical well-being of the local community it serves through the delivery of our strategic plan. The purpose of this policy is to demonstrate how the College adds public value.

Public Value Statements are an amplification of the vision of a college and describe what the college aims to add value to the social, economic and physical well-being of the communities it serves.

2. Scope

This Policy applies to the College but is developed primarily as Governors being the audience so that they are able to be reassured of how the College adds public value. Governors and Senior Management Team have been involved in the development of the statement.

3. Definitions

According to the Association of Colleges (AoC) Further Education Code of Good Governance , Public Value Statements are optional. However, they provide guidance on Public Value Statements as follows:

“The fundamental principle of a public value statement is that it should reflect individual College’s approach to providing value and benefits to the wider community it serves”.

4. Legislative and Regulatory Framework

The public value statement is derived from the college’s statutory and regulatory framework, particularly its status as an exempt charity under the Further and Higher Education Act 1992 and its duty to deliver public benefit, alongside governance and accountability requirements set by the Department for Education.

5. Our Policy Statements

Abingdon and Witney College is ambitious for its community and seeks to provide outstanding education and training opportunities for all. By nurturing and empowering individual students and staff to be the best they can be, we improve lives, communities and the economy through education. Our focus is on actively working in partnership to invest, grow and shape the services within our community, supporting economic growth through delivering skills for employment and enterprise in Oxfordshire.

We will add public value through the delivery of our Strategic Plan: Our vision is to be a college where everyone achieves more than they believe possible. We are ambitious for our students, staff, community and partner organisations. We are passionate about creating a sustainable college. Together, our programmes, skills development, social responsibility and citizenship enhance community cohesion and strengthen the economy.

Whilst the Strategic plan is the key document to how we add public value; other documents also demonstrate this.

We demonstrate the effectiveness of use of public monies to fulfil the public benefit of the provision of community education in our Financial statements.

We share Inspection reports and our awards for the public to see.

We provide transferrable skills by working in partnerships with other training providers and industry standard qualifications.

We meet student needs by giving them information to support them through a wide range of educational, financial and personal challenges.

We engage locally with employers.

We are responsive to local employer training needs and tailor part-time courses for the needs of local employers.

We are responsive to national skills agenda and apprenticeships and demonstrate high-level and sector-specific involvement in skills development.

We have corporate social responsibility and work on a range of initiatives which address social issues and meet local community needs.

6. Monitoring, Review and Assurance

Governors of the College will review and update the Public Value Statement annually, and as part of their review on the College Strategic Plan.

7. Related Documents and Links

College Strategic Plan 2022-27