

Public Value Statement



South Thames College Public Value Statement

1 Overarching Statement

At South Thames College, we are ambitious for our community. Our vision is to be a publicly valued and leading contributor to the local community in Merton, Wandsworth and the wider communities that we serve in London. As a committed local leader for learning for jobs and careers, we aim to contribute actively to the future prosperity of local residents, employers and the wider community. We seek to actively engage local residents and stakeholders in our services and foster a sense of ownership and pride in the College.

2 Our Community

The College is committed to making a major contribution to the communities it serves both locally and regionally. The College's wider community includes:

- Students of all ages - home, European and overseas students
- Parents/guardians/carers and families of learners
- Educational partners including primary and secondary schools and higher education institutions
- Employers of all sizes and sectors
- Funding bodies
- Local residents, the local community and faith groups
- Local authorities
- Staff

The primary way the College makes a contribution is by providing education and training for the benefit of its public.

3 Vision and Mission

The College aspires to be outstanding and inclusive and we will demonstrate this ambition by being the acknowledged leader for vocational education and training and support the career aspirations of our local community. Our mission is - **Leading excellence in learning for jobs and careers.**

Our vision is being a leading college for career-focused education and training and to be a publicly valued and leading contributor to the local and London community. We make this contribution in the following ways:

- Individuals benefitting from economic prosperity from skills gained at the College
- Local employers benefitting from a skilled labour force trained by the College
- The delivery of higher level skills to increase economic sustainability locally
- Businesses attracted to the area because of the skills of the residents
- Support locally for regeneration projects and bespoke training for the unemployed
- Students graduating with leadership skills to contribute to their local communities
- A place of leading vocational learning where others look for best practice.

4 Our Values

Our strategic plan is underpinned by three core values:

- *Learning.* The core of our work is learning. We lead by example and encourage new ideas and enterprise. Our aim is to make an active contribution to the role of learners and staff in terms of their community leadership in the future.
- *Excellence.* We model the best professional standards to achieve high success and we have honesty and integrity at the heart of our work. We want South Thames College to be a local role model for standards of public service.
- *Teamwork.* We will work together with the community to nurture and develop respectful relationships which will increase our contribution to the local community.

5 Measuring our Contribution

We will measure our contribution through regular reporting against our strategic plan and performance indicators. We will ask the community for views on our performance through surveys and consultations on plans for the College.

Members of the public can assess the value added to the local community by the College through:

- Inspection reports
- Student and employer surveys
- Published accounts
- The public records of College Corporation meetings

The Governors of the College will review and update its Public Value Statement as part of its regular review of the College's Strategic Plan

6 College Status

South Thames College is an exempt charity under the terms of Schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011.

Approved by the Corporation in July 2014