



STRANMILLIS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE  
A College of Queen's University Belfast

## **Waste Management Policy Statement**

### **Rationale**

Stranmillis University College is committed to improving its environmental performance, thereby reducing the impact of its activities on the environment.

The College wishes to promote leadership in environmental protection and enhancement through continuous improvement in its waste management processes.

### **Objectives**

- To provide recycling facilities for staff and students in order to reduce the College's dependence on landfill disposal.
- To increase awareness of environmental responsibilities among staff and students.
- To ensure waste is managed with minimal impact on the environment and public health.
- To comply with all legislation related to waste management.
- To ensure the health and safety risks associated with the generation, handling, storage and offsite disposal of waste are minimised for staff, students and contractors.
- To monitor and audit waste management performance and practice.
- To reduce and, where possible, avoid creating waste, through the development of effective resource and waste management strategies.

### **Policy Statement**

Stranmillis University College has put in place a management structure to ensure the waste management policy objectives are met. This means that:

- The Hospitality Department has management responsibility for general and food waste produced from the Refectory and the Halls of Residence.
- The Estates Department has management responsibility for the remaining wastes including non-hazardous and Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE).

- As and from the beginning of April 2010, all waste from the College will now be taken away by local company, Wastebeater Recycling and upwards of 90% of it will be recycled. The effect that this will have on each of us is minimal, as the method of collection will remain the same, i.e. you will continue to dispose of your general waste in your waste bin, which will still be emptied by our cleaning contractors and disposed of in new Wheelie bins.
- We are also trying to reduce the number of wheelie bins that we empty each week, as there is a cost associated with recycling. The easiest way for us to reduce this is to remove cardboard boxes from general waste. The cleaning and Portering staff have been briefed on this, and so any waste cardboard that you leave out will still be collected by the cleaning staff, but will no longer take up space in the new Wheelie bins.
- The only other thing that we ask is to not contaminate the waste with wet foodstuffs. The odd apple core, banana skin or half eaten sandwich is ok, but please don't put half full paper cups of coffee, yoghurts, mayo etc in the rubbish. If this happens, the entire load will be contaminated and cannot be recycled and we will be charged an additional sum. As the new coffee shop in the Central Building will be generating wet foodstuffs, a separate bin is being provided for here, this will continue to be sent to landfill.