



Public Value Statement

1. Overview

This statement is intended to outline how the Derwentside College seeks to add value to the social, economic and physical well-being of the communities it serves.

The primary benefit of the College is the advancement of education and the contribution it makes to the economy through development of the skills and qualifications of individuals, their employability and the positive impact this has on their prosperity and on the economy. The Board of Corporation at Derwentside College believes we are accountable to our communities and we pay close regard to feedback from learners, staff and employers.

2. Our Communities

Our communities include:

- Learners
- Parents / guardians / carers and families of learners
- Employers
- Staff
- Local residents
- Local authorities
- JobCentre Plus
- Educational partners including schools, further and higher education providers
- Other partners that support learners e.g. health and welfare organisations, youth and family workers

3. Mission, Vision and Core Values

The primary way in which the College seeks to make a positive contribution to the communities it serves is through delivery of its mission, vision and core values. These are as follows:

Mission

Derwentside College provides high quality education and training that focuses on developing the knowledge, skills and qualities needed by our learners to progress into sustained employment and build successful careers.

Vision

Derwentside College aims to be:

- the best college in the country at supporting learners into sustained employment and in building successful careers;
- renowned for our excellent relationships with employers and partners;
- recognised as delivering innovative and excellent teaching, learning and assessment.

Core Values

EXCELLENCE

We strive to be the best in all areas of strategic importance to the College enabling our learners, employers and staff to achieve high expectations and ambitious goals.

EMPLOYABILITY

We focus relentlessly on improving employability and up-skilling and make a major contribution to the prosperity and success of individuals and businesses in Derwentside, County Durham and the North East region. We encourage and develop enterprising behaviour in our learners and staff and create an environment where innovation flourishes.

PARTNERSHIP

We build outstanding, sustainable and mutually beneficial relationships with our stakeholders who contribute to our strategic purpose including sub-contractors, employers and schools. Within the College we promote and nurture partnership through highly effective team working that is both supportive and challenging in the pursuit of excellence and success.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We will do what is right and will lead to success for our learners, employers and the College. We will take personal responsibility for contributing to this success and for overcoming barriers. We will be constantly learning and developing.

4. Measuring Our Contribution

We are confident that through the implementation of our mission, vision and core values, we will demonstrate that we make a significant, positive contribution to our communities. Furthermore, the value we add can be measured through the following:

- Ofsted inspection reports
- Published accounts
- Public records of Corporation meetings
- Agreement, publication and achievement of our Equality Objectives

This Public Value Statement was approved by the College Corporation on 07.10.14. It will be reviewed on an [annual] basis.

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