

## **Statement of Commitment**

The South Thames Colleges Group recognises that the Climate Emergency is one of the most urgent problems facing human society and life on our planet. As an educational institution, we accept and welcome the responsibility to take action to reduce our carbon footprint and support an environmentally sustainable future. We therefore commit to take immediate action to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions by:

50% by 2030

75% by 2040

And achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050.

We will report our progress on a yearly basis.

We will confirm our commitment by signing up to be recognised by the United Nations Race to Zero Campaign for Universities and Colleges, joining others around the world that share the same mission and responsibility.

We recognise that action is essential and that this involves both institutional and personal choices.

South Thames Colleges Group will work with students and staff to change institutional practices and will facilitate and encourage individuals to make personal decisions that support a healthy environment.

We believe that sustainability requires a whole Group approach and should be addressed within the Group's curriculum and culture as well as within the Group's estate and operations.

**Peter Mayhew Smith** 

Group Principal February 2023.