Belfast Metropolitan College



1. Asset information

Belfast Metropolitan College, Millfield campus, is in the heart of Belfast City. It is a Further and Higher Education College and provides a breadth of education and training at every level with a portfolio of courses to address a variety of skill needs – from apprenticeship and Level 1 courses to those undertaking degrees and post-graduate study. It is committed to ensuring that students have access to opportunities which will enhance their employability and job-ready skills.

Education

2. Impact

- College providing c.5,300 pupils with access to adult education in an effective learning environment.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

3. Awards and certifications

- B rating in the Display Energy Certificate (DEC)
- Achieved ISO 14001 in 2021
- Achieved ISO 15001 in 2021

4. Environment

GHG emissions



The college launched its Sustainability and Climate Action Framework in 2024. The overall, long-term goal is to be a sustainable and net zero carbon College before 2050.

In 2016 and 2017, a 125 kwp Solar PV system was installed at the college, and the lighting system was upgraded to LED lighting throughout the college.

Climate risk

The project was screened to evaluate the potential physical impacts from climate change based on 'Paris-aligned' (RCP2.6 ~+1°C) and 'High emissions' (RCP8.5 ~+3.7°C) scenarios across three time periods (2020, 2050 and 2100). The project maintains a Medium physical climate risk score under the Paris-aligned scenario as of 2050.

Waste & Water

The college has an active waste and water consumption management system in place and achieved zero waste to landfill in 2018.

Biodiversity



The asset is built in compliance with local environmental regulations.

Although limited in space due to the location of the college, the Portfolio Company continues to focus on promoting restoration efforts to improve degraded or removed ecosystems that act as natural carbon sinks and can improve resilience to climate-related damages, such as:

- The college installed raised flower beds for use by students with mild and severe learning difficulties.

Additionally, the Portfolio Company has a Biodiversity policy in place.

5. Social

Health & Safety

Health and safety is on the agenda each board meeting. Our asset managers work actively with the Portfolio Company or its management service providers, to promote a strong health and safety culture, facilitate the sharing of best practices.
We endorse a zero-tolerance approach to occupational health and safety incidents. Additionally, the Portfolio Company has a Health & Safety policy in place and regularly conducts a fire or health and safety audit.

Diversity

Not applicable as the Portfolio Company does not employ any staff.

Impact for local communities

The Portfolio Company is committed to fostering strong relationships with its communities.

6. Governance

Delegation & oversight

The Portfolio Company directors review on a quarterly basis comprehensive board report, including both general project management and financial management. The project has a rigorous governance structure in place with quarterly board meetings, ad-hoc meetings when required and an authority delegation matrix to the management services provider.
The Portfolio Company has robust ESG policies and procedures in place and clear board-level responsibility to monitor their application. The ESG standard policies include:

- Biodiversity policy
- Code of Conduct, including anti-bribery, anti-corruption and non-discrimination
- Conflict of interest
- Cyber-security
- ESG
- Health and safety (workplace accident prevention)
- Anti-slavery & Human Trafficking policy (Modern Day Slavery)
- Rapid escalation
- Responsible contractor
- Tax
- Whistleblowing

The Portfolio Company holds frequent meetings with the public sector client to promote collaboration, coordination and integration of operations.

Reporting

The Portfolio Company uses a quarterly board pack, reporting to the board of directors on the operational and financial performance of the project and compliance with its obligations and regulation/legislation, including the policies.
Additionally, the Portfolio Company reports annually into BBGI's ESG KPI survey, which composed of 100+ data points, covering all aspects of ESG oversight.

Cyber security

Portfolio Company and its subcontractors continuously monitor that the cyber security policy is in place and perform information risk analysis and develops mitigating measures. They have a robust and comprehensive IT backup system in place. Additionally, the Portfolio Company has a Cyber security policy in place.

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