



## Public Value Statement

EKC Group is a statutory corporation by virtue of the Further and Higher Education Act 1992. It is an exempt charity under the terms of Schedule 3 of the Charities Act 2011. Consequently, the Group has a commitment to deliver a significant public benefit to the local and wider community that it serves.

EKC Group is committed to providing value to the social, economic, physical and cultural well-being of the communities and stakeholders that it serves locally, regionally and nationally through:

- a flexible curriculum which is both inclusive for all students and meets skills gaps in a rapidly changing economy;
- providing opportunities/enrichment for promoting family values and social activity;
- the staff team;
- building and sustaining partnerships with businesses, charities, schools, higher education institutions and community groups to make accountability real;
- encouraging students and staff to volunteer within the local and wider community, with social action included as part of every student's programme;
- being a large local employer of choice;
- providing facilities and services for local use where possible;
- our commitment to identify and procure the services of local suppliers within the East Kent area;
- building on regional, national and international connections, drawing on interesting people who will inspire and engage with the local and wider community;
- engaging with local authorities, funding bodies and relevant Government departments; and
- as one of the largest further education groups in England, EKC Group seeks to influence local, regional and national education policy for the benefit of the East Kent communities

In 2017, the Office for Standards in Education, Children's Services and Skills (OFSTED) judged overall effectiveness to be 'good' with a number of outstanding features, notably in leadership and management, student's personal development, provision for learners with high needs and provision for Adults. The inspection of apprenticeship provision serving Dover Thanet and Shepway was also judged 'Outstanding'.

Members of the public can assess the value added through:

- Performance Tables published nationally (showing value added and student performance);
- Published financial statements;
- The public records of Full Governing Body meetings;
- Equality and Diversity reports;
- Group Self-Assessment Report;
- OfSTED reports;
- QAA reports;
- Accreditations such as Mindful Employer, Disability Confident Employer, Matrix Standard and Investor in Careers; and
- Student and National surveys

EKC Group's Full Governing Body will review and update its public value statement as part of its regular review of the Group's Strategic Plan.