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Environmental Sustainability Policy

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Estates & Facilities

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1.0 Purpose

The University of Salford is an enterprising University helping to transform individuals and communities through excellent teaching, research, innovation and engagement. As one of the largest organisations in the Greater Manchester Region with over 18,500 students, 2,500 staff and a land holding of around 70 hectares in Salford, the University recognises both the positive and negative environmental impacts it has on the local, regional and global environment.

2.0 Scope

This Policy applies to all members of the University Estates and Facilities Division including (but not limited to): Staff; Contractors and Associates carrying out work on behalf of the University Estates and Facilities Division.

3.0 Policy Statements

This policy outlines our potentially most significant environmental impacts from our estate and facilities; these are areas where we have an opportunity to influence and embed environmental management across our estate, to demonstrate that sustainability is one of our key priorities.

This policy provides a framework for establishing environmental and energy objectives and targets. This policy will be reviewed annually by the Environmental Projects Board chaired by the Director of Estates and Facilities.

Our aim is to demonstrate continual improvement in our environmental performance delivered through an Environmental Management System, certified to ISO 14001:2015, and an Energy Management System, certified to ISO 50001:2011.

This will ensure that we:

- ✓ protect the environment in which we operate our estate and facilities, and prevent pollution by reducing and eliminating pollution sources
- ✓ meet our compliance obligations, and
- ✓ continually improve our management systems to enhance environmental and energy performance.

3.1 In our campus environment we will:

- Develop and maintain externally accredited ISO 14001:2015 and ISO 50001:2011 standards for Estates and Facilities Division.
- Fully comply with relevant domestic and international environmental legislation, guidelines and standards;
- Reduce the energy and water consumption of our buildings to meet the targets as established in the Energy, Water and Carbon Management Plan;
- Apply the principles of the waste hierarchy to prioritise reduction, reuse and recycling to reduce the impacts of waste management;
- Develop and apply an ethical and sustainable procurement system to ensure the social and environmental impacts of purchases are appropriately considered;
- Ensure sustainability is a core principle of the Estate Masterplan by embedding sustainable construction practices and performance specifications into plans for new buildings and refurbishments;

- Develop a travel strategy which encourages alternative methods of transport to single-occupancy car journeys and minimises the environmental impact of the Estates and Facilities fleet and business travel;
- Protect and enhance the natural habitats and biodiversity on the University estate.

3.2 In our University community we will:

- Embed care for the environment in the culture of our Estates & Facilities Division as part of our goal to be a sustainable University;
- Empower and motivate the whole University community to support our policy and strategy through appropriate education and communication;
- Proactively work with our local partners such as Local Authorities, to align sustainable practices and contribute to local and regional targets.

3.3 This policy is supported by a series of targets, indicators and action plans which will be reviewed at least annually.

4.0 Related Documentation

Related documents can be found in the University Environmental Sustainability pages <http://www.salford.ac.uk/estates/environmental-sustainability>