

The University is a large organisation with over 2600 staff and over 20,000 students at its Preston city centre campus. The University recognises that its activities have both positive and negative impacts on the environment and that the University's activities are also affected by environmental conditions.

The University has therefore committed to implementing this Environmental Sustainability Policy, to ensure our operations develop sustainably via our continual improvement framework. Our aim is to become a role model and advocate for sustainable development by embedding our commitment into everyday practice. In order to achieve our vision we will:

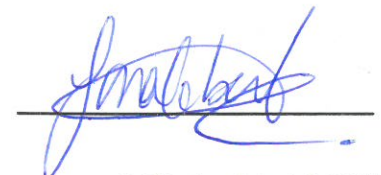
1. Continue to resource our Environmental Management System (EMS) to meet the standards of ISO14001 certification;
2. Meet or exceed our compliance obligations including legal and other sector requirements as applicable to our environmental aspects;
3. Implement and audit control measures to effectively manage and mitigate the 6 significant environmental aspects;
4. Drive continual improvement and report progress against the following objectives as set in the Environmental Management Plan:
 - Absolute carbon emissions associated with the consumption of **electricity** and **gas** by 2020 to be less than 2013/14
 - Reduce **water** consumption by 50% by 2020 based on 2006/7 baseline
 - Manage and minimise the environmental impact of the **alteration** and or **construction of buildings** including the enhancement of **biodiversity**
 - Minimise the **potential to pollute** the environment with hazardous materials
 - Fully embed sustainability across the University's **procurement** practices through implementation of the Flexible Framework
 - Reduce the total volume of operational **waste** generated through implementation of the waste hierarchy embedding a culture of reduction, re-use and recycling
 - Reduce the carbon emissions associated with **business** and **commuting** travel through implementation of the Travel Plan 2013-2018
 - Ensure the significant environmental aspects of University operations are continually reduced and mitigated via the **Environmental Management System**
5. Support initiatives and programmes aimed at improving awareness of sustainability and engaging the University community through both taught and informal curricula and research activities;
6. Continue to work in partnership with the Preston community and other stakeholders to improve the local environment and ensure that University operations do not have a detrimental effect on that community.

The success of this policy relies on everyone's participation. University staff and students each hold responsibility for implementing relevant areas of this Policy by following guidance, operational procedures as relevant to job roles, attending training as well as getting involved in initiatives designed to embed its aims. Central coordination of these activities will be managed from within Estates Services.

Vice Chancellor



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