

## UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER POLICY SCREENING PRO FORMA

What is the Policy? (Name/Description of the Policy)

University of Ulster  
Carbon Management Plan

What is the aim, objective or purpose of the Policy?

The Carbon Management Plan;

establishes the University's baseline carbon emissions;  
defines the scope of carbon emissions included within the Plan;  
sets targets for reducing carbon emissions;  
details an initial set of carbon emissions reduction projects; and  
identifies funding sources for the carbon emissions reduction projects.

Who defines or defined the Policy and who implements it?

The Plan has been developed by the University's Physical Resources Department and approved by the VCAG Resources Committee. The University Environmental Sustainability Steering Group will give oversight and direction to its effective implementation.

Is the Policy applied uniformly throughout the University? Yes

If "no", what are the consequences in terms of the screening process?

Who are the stakeholders in relation to this Policy, e.g. DEL, UCAS?

HEFCE  
DFP  
NIEA

How do we interface with other bodies in relation to implementation of this Policy?

The University reports its carbon emissions annually to HEFCE (Estates Management Statistics), DFP (Local Government Public Sector Energy Campaign) , NIEA (CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme), People & Planet (Green League survey).

Progress on the carbon management plan will be monitored by HEFCE. Carbon emissions will attract a direct cost under the CRC Energy Efficiency Scheme.

What data are available to facilitate the screening of this Policy?

Carbon emissions data are included within the plan.

1. Is there any evidence of higher or lower participation or uptake by the following characteristics?

	Yes	No	Not Known
Religious Belief		✓	
Political Opinion		✓	
Racial Group		✓	
Age		✓	
Marital Status		✓	
Sexual Orientation		✓	
Gender		✓	
Disability		✓	
Dependants		✓	

**Note:** A broad interpretation should be taken of the word 'evidence'. It should include anecdotal evidence and evidence derived from qualitative analysis or quantitative analysis where available.

Please comment:

There is no evidence of higher or lower participation by any of the S75 groups. However the plan states that engaging staff and students in effective carbon management, by giving them an understanding of the impact they make, and encouraging a sense of ownership for the areas and equipment they use will assist in carbon reduction.

One of the key aims of this Carbon Management Plan is also to facilitate a change in culture within the University Community to encourage improved environmental behaviours e.g. energy conservation through switching off lights, equipment etc. when activities are over at the end of the working day or at the end of lectures.

2. Is there any evidence that different groups have difference needs, experiences, issues and priorities in relation to this Policy?

	Yes	No	Not Known
Religious Belief		✓	
Political Opinion		✓	
Racial Group		✓	
Age		✓	
Marital Status		✓	
Sexual Orientation		✓	
Gender		✓	
Disability		✓	
Dependants		✓	

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Please comment:

3. Have consultations with relevant groups, organisation or individuals indicated that policies of this type create problems specific to them?

	Yes	No	Not Known
Religious Belief		✓	
Political Opinion		✓	
Racial Group		✓	
Age		✓	
Marital Status		✓	
Sexual Orientation		✓	
Gender		✓	
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In the preparation of this plan consultations have been held with key Faculties and Departments. This has raised awareness and has also enabled the Faculties and Departments to contribute to the Plan's development. No problems have been raised by consultees.

The structure and purpose of the Carbon Management Plan has been communicated to key Faculty and Department Heads, who will play an important role in promoting the Plan and encouraging participation in carbon emissions reduction measures. Encouragingly, the consultations have also highlighted some of the good housekeeping procedures already in place across Faculties and Departments.

4. Is there an opportunity to promote equality of opportunity or community relations better by altering the Policy, or by working with others, in Government, or in the larger community in the context of this Policy?

No

Please elaborate:

The plan will not significantly impact on the University's obligation to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity.

5. Does the Policy discourage disabled people from participating in public life and fail to promote positive attitudes towards disabled people?

No

Please elaborate:

6. Does the Policy provide an opportunity to better promote positive attitudes towards disabled people or encourage their participation in University life?

No

Please elaborate:

7. If the answer to any of the questions in 1 to 6 is yes, please indicate whether you consider the Policy may significantly impact on the University's obligation to have due regard to the need to promote equality of opportunity.

Please elaborate:

8. What data are required in the future to ensure effective monitoring?

Not Applicable.

9. In the context of question 3, are there any relevant groups which you believe should be consulted? Please specify.

No

10. Please indicate whether a full impact assessment is recommended.

No

Please elaborate:

Screening has not indicated that the plan will have a negative impact on any Section 75 category, therefore no further assessment is required.

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Timetable for impact assessment

- a. On a scale of 1-5, 1 being the highest priority and 5 being the lowest, assess the Policy in terms of priorities for impact assessment.

	1 - 5
Social Need	
Effect on people's daily lives	
Effect on economic, social and human rights	

Please indicate whether you think this policy should be reviewed in year 1,2,3,4 or 5.

Year \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Is the Policy affected by a strategic planning documents e.g. Agenda for Action, Institutional Plan, Strategic Development Plan?

Please elaborate

- c. Is the Policy affected by the time table established by other relevant public authorities or organisations in relation to common functions?

Please elaborate

- d. What is the scale of expenditure incurred by the Policy?

No direct expenditure. Project Expenditure will be on the basis of saving energy and associated energy costs, consumables and water costs or in some instances will be required as part of new development and therefore is not attributable directly and solely to the policy.

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