

Environmental Sustainability Policy Statement

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Ulster University understands that its activities have both direct and indirect environmental impacts and sees the protection of the environment as an integral part of good institutional practice.

The University is therefore committed to improving its environmental sustainability performance for the benefit of the people who live and work in the University, and for the wider community now and in the future.

To support these aspirations, the University is committed to;

- Developing an environmental management system to effectively manage its environmental impacts.
- Continually improving its environmental performance through the effective implementation of environmental improvement initiatives.
- Reducing, and where possible preventing, pollution through the effective and efficient use of resources.
- Complying with all relevant environmental legislation and other environmental requirements to which the University subscribes.
- Communicating this policy effectively to the entire University community and the wider public.

Specifically, the University will focus its efforts on the following;

- Developing and maintaining an effective strategy for carbon emissions reduction.
- Further developing environmental sustainability related research activities and promoting education for sustainable development within its teaching programmes.
- Engaging its students and staff in initiatives to minimise environmental impact.
- Ensuring that improvements to its Physical Estates are undertaken in a sustainable manner.
- Improving energy efficiency and water conservation within its Physical Estate.
- Improving waste management practices to minimise waste generation and maximise the recycling and recovery of waste which is generated.
- Sourcing and procuring, where feasible more environmentally friendly goods and services.
- Managing its ground to minimise impact on biodiversity.
- Encouraging sustainable travel amongst students, staff and visitors.