

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

The University is fully committed to operating in an environmentally sustainable manner and recognises that its operations, infrastructure development, teaching and research, commercial activities and residential and academic estate impact on the environment and the community, both positively and negatively.

Lancaster University understands its responsibility to protect the environment from the impact of its operations and activities and to influence its staff and students and the wider community to minimise their impact through its actions, teaching and research. The University is committed to meeting the requirements of all relevant environmental legislation and guidance and to continually improving its environmental performance. The University will:

- Provide students with the opportunity for involvement in sustainability related curricular and extra-curricular opportunities and activities.
- Improve the environmental awareness of staff, students and residents and support them in reducing their environmental impact both at the University and beyond, through the implementation of sustainable environmental practices.
- Use our research where appropriate in developing environmentally beneficial projects and products and improve the sustainability of our research activities.
- Implement a Sustainable Procurement Policy which reduces the carbon and environmental impacts of our procurement activities.
- Reduce carbon emissions from energy and utility consumption.
- Develop and implement a strategy to manage and reduce waste according to the waste hierarchy.
- Continue to support its Travel Plan and enhance travel options, decreasing carbon and other emissions from staff and student commuting and University fleet vehicles.
- Optimise its impacts from business and other travel, providing information to enable users to minimise their travel related emissions.
- Prevent pollution and manage emissions and discharges.
- Reduce water consumption.
- Achieve high environmental (BREEAM) standards for new build and redeveloped buildings.
- Enhance the biodiversity and sustainability of the University's landscape and grounds.
- Monitor measure and report on the environmental impacts of University's activities, operations, research and teaching.

In order to support the implementation of Lancaster University's Environmental Policy, time bound objectives and targets have been set. The policy will be implemented through the Carbon and Environment Management Team (CEMENT) and progress reviewed by Carbon and Environment Executive Board (CEEB) and University Management Advisory Group (UMAG).

Signed:

Date: December 2012

Professor Mark E Smith, Vice Chancellor

