Environmental Sustainability Policy

Newcastle University is based on a campus in the heart of Newcastle upon Tyne. Providing higher education to more than 24,000 students and employing around 6,000 staff, we have an excellent pedigree in research and teaching. Our UK facilities include around 250 buildings, two farms and a number of satellite sites.

As a responsible institution we intend to grow and develop in a sustainable manner. We pride ourselves on being closely integrated into the economic, cultural and social life of the North East and intend to demonstrate further environmental leadership.

We recognise and are committed to reducing all our environmental impacts, our Environmental Management System (EMS) covers all UK operations at the University and provides a structured framework for achieving our commitments.

Commitments
- Meet and where possible exceed all of our compliance obligations.
- Protect the environment, and prevent pollution by reducing emissions and discharges.
- Demonstrate continual improvement in our EMS to enhance our environmental performance.
- Promote Education for Sustainable Development throughout the curriculum, supporting our University Strategy.

Objectives
To help us to assess our environmental performance we have developed key performance indicators. Priority areas for improvement have been defined and objectives set to:
- Integrate environmental management into our day-to-day operations.
- Reduce our energy consumption and associated carbon emissions.
- Minimise our use of water.
- Implement a waste minimisation strategy and maintain a high recycling rate.
- Promote and support sustainable travel options for commuting and business travel.
- Establish procedures to implement sustainable construction and green procurement.
- Preserve and enhance the biodiversity of the estate.
- Empower and motivate staff, students and stakeholders through appropriate environmental education and communication.
- Integrate Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations within our investment strategy.

Our Environmental Sustainability Policy has been approved by Executive Board and the University Council.

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