



**Abertay  
University**

# **Environmental Policy**

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Abertay University recognises that in order to meet its strategic and operational objectives in relation to research, teaching and community partnership, it has a responsibility to protect the environment and ensure the sustainable use of resources. This policy represents an important component of the University's broader sustainability policy and applies to all activities under the control of the university.

As part of this commitment the University will:

Strategically manage the University's environmental impact

- Implement an Environmental Management System
- Promote sound environmental management policies and practice throughout the University

Implement the Carbon Management Plan

- Achieve our carbon reduction commitment: 30% of 2008 levels by 2016
- Ensure uptake of low carbon technologies in building and equipment
- Utilise our Salix Fund to invest in reducing carbon emissions across the University's estate.

Reduce Water Use

The University has reduced its water consumption by 50% since 2004 through a programme of measures and will continue to:

- Make efficient and environmentally responsible use of water by staff and students
- Identifying opportunities for water re-use
- Benchmark against peer groups with the aim to be in lowest quartile for consumption in HESA return.

Reduce waste

- Enhance facilities for recycling by staff and students
- Provision of guidelines for contractors and external design teams
- Require Site Waste Management plans for all estates projects over £30,000 and where appropriate on smaller projects
- Measurement of all waste streams by 1<sup>st</sup> August 2015
- Increase % of waste to recycling by 20% of 2012 levels by July 2015

Reduce the impact of travel

- Promote practical measures to reduce the impact on travel on behalf of the University
- Increase the number of members of car share scheme by 50% from January 2012 levels by July 2015

Sustainable Procurement

- Embed sustainable development principles into all procurement procedures
- Include environmental considerations into procurement design and construction of buildings to facilitate the continual improvement of our estate

Awareness and Training

- Raise awareness of universities environmental good practice
- Communicate internally and externally the University's environmental objectives and performance
- Provide training and educational programmes for staff and students



