



**Abertay
University**

Sustainable Development Policy

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As identified in our Strategic Plan, Abertay University is fully aware of its distinctive and unique ability to add value to the Scottish economy and is committed to making sustainability integral to the delivery of teaching, research and operational objectives. The University actively engages with public and private partners to promote the Scottish Government and UK shared framework principles for sustainable development and is committed to "promoting a clear understanding of and commitment to sustainable development so that all people can contribute to the overall goal through their individual decisions".

As part of this commitment the University will continue to:

- Develop and deliver appropriate teaching and research
 - Expose students to the principles of sustainable development through embedding sustainability concepts into our programmes
 - Support and encourage interdisciplinary research into sustainable development
- Develop partnerships and learning in the community
 - Promote social inclusion, wider access and stakeholder involvement
 - Exchange knowledge of sustainable development by creating local information and learning networks
- Manage and develop the University and its estate
 - Embed sustainable development principles into all our procurement procedures, design, construction and refurbishment of projects to facilitate the continual improvement of our estate
 - Implement the Carbon Management Plan to achieve our carbon reduction commitment
 - Reduce waste generation by staff and students through the provision of facilities to encourage recycling and the provision of guidelines for contractors and external design teams
 - Promote practical measures to reduce the impact of travel to and on behalf of the University
 - Strategically manage the University's environmental impact by implementation of an appropriate Environmental Management System
- Monitor and report on progress towards sustainability
 - Establish an advisory group comprising of staff and student representatives to oversee implementation of this policy and associated programmes
 - Review the impacts of all University policies and practices against sustainability targets
 - Report the results of sustainability assessment and make this available to all stakeholders

Reporting structure

The Sustainability Policy will be reviewed annually by the University Executive

