

CIOSS ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

Environmental sustainability and climate change are probably the greatest issues facing humankind in the twenty-first century: they are a major focus of Exeter's research and teaching activities and a key responsibility for the staff, students and governors of the University.

As part of the University strategy 2030 to use the power of our education and research to create a sustainable, healthy and socially just future, the following Environmental Management goals have been adopted as the scope of the environmental management system (EMS) relating to Campus Infrastructure & Operational Support Services (CIOSS) and its activities, services and operations.

GOALS:

1. All CIOSS activities/operations shall have a carbon net zero impact and or result in environmental gain by 2030, relating to 2 Campus Locations; Streatham and St Luke's (Exeter)
2. Establish, embed and maintain an environmental management system which reflects the ongoing needs of the students, staff and University and its strategic agenda.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The CIOSS Executive are accountable for ensuring the Policy is implemented, with support of the Environment and Climate Emergency (E&CE) Team. Implementation of carbon net zero, minimising the impact on the environment, pollution prevention and enhancing the biodiversity of the Campus environment will be embedded in all new decisions/ operations and activities and incrementally embedded into existing processes, contracts and tenders on renewal. All employees have a responsibility to ensure that the aims and objectives of the policy are met.

POLICY AIMS:

1. Respect, embrace, and actively support the University agenda for carbon net zero and environmental net gain outcomes across all our operations and activities,
2. Proactively act in ways to support environmental net gain and the climate emergency, raising awareness and recognising positive action (via objectives and target setting),
3. Demonstrate commitment to managing, minimising and mitigating the impacts from operations, activities, research and education (including pollution prevention and impact minimisation),
4. Seek to minimise the environmental impact through environment and climate emergency conscious decision making including choice of products, partners and suppliers,
5. Evaluate performance and transparently report on decisions, outcomes and actions; providing commentary and explanations holding ourselves to account,
6. Demonstrate compliance with all relevant legislation as a minimum, and where possible go beyond it
7. Demonstrate commitment to improve continually and monitor environmental performance, report openly and transparently to support greater recognition of the benefits of environmental change and ensure that outcomes do not create a detriment to any group with protected characteristics within our community.

CIOSS will embrace the Environment and Climate Emergency Agenda both strategically and Campus wide through its development of carbon footprint reduction initiatives, Climate Action Plans and staff, student and community engagement. We will strive to minimise negative impacts and optimising positive opportunities delivering our Climate Emergency targets and goals through our Strategy 2030 values; recognising our Campus wide and local reach, our diverse operations and partnerships.

Signed:



Position: Director of Estate Services
ACTING DIRECTOR OF CIOSS

Date 01/06/2022



Renewal – Annual (at the end of each Academic Year)

Appendix to the Environmental Management Policy Statement

Summary of E&CE Policy Goals and timeline

- **Goal 1:** To be **carbon neutral (net zero) for scope 1 and 2 emissions** by 2030 via a front-loaded approach.
- **Goal 2:** To ensure we have data analytics so that we can **reduce scope 3 emissions** by 50% by 2030 with a plan to reach net zero by 2030 publically communicated.
- **Goal 3:** To pursue a **policy of ‘environmental net gain’** on our estates, and to use our research and education to deliver environmental net gain within region, country and across the globe.
- **Goal 4:** To become an **Environment & Sustainability leader** across the University sector, nationally and internationally by 2025, and first in the Russell Group Universities in key sustainability benchmarks.

Summary of CIOSS Environmental Management Policy Targets and Commitments by 2025

Targets / Commitments		Owner/ Sponsor	Update June 2022
Buildings & Work Place			
1	Maximise onsite renewable sources and procure 100% renewable energy supplies	Hugh McCann (Director of Estates)	100% of the Universities electricity supply contract is through Clean Tech REGO backed renewable energy with a 20% contribution from a renewable 10 year PPA. FXPLus have opted out of REGOs
2	Adopt Sustainable Design Guide for New build/Refurbishment maintenance of Buildings, and LEAF standard in new builds (where labs are required)		Sustainable Design Guide approved by CMG
3	Improve environmental and energy performance of buildings through capital spend programmes to meet best practice standards		Built Environment Decarbonisation plan now received from ARUP and the costs to be incorporated into the new Capital Plan.
4	Manage and minimise environmental impact of spills through training, management of Estates and selection of environmentally friendly products / chemicals / practices		In person training disrupted by Covid. Presentation developed to deliver training for pollution prevention and spillage response. All Direct Works have watched the presentation.
5	Manage and maintain pollution prevention measures across the campus		Direct Works co-ordinating delivery of practical spills elements of training for a small cohort of staff. Recording of practical simulated spill response in progress.
6	Review efficacy of pollution control measures including training and awareness of staff maintaining the pollution controls		
Energy & Water			
7	Only purchase equipment with high energy efficiency ratings and low whole life costing (WLC) embodied environmental impact e.g. A+++	Hugh McCann (Director of Estates)	Included in the Sustainable Design Guide. All members of staff encouraged to adopt and comply with the Responsible Procurement Guidance checklist as part of the UoE Sustainable Bought Goods and Services Policy
8	Implement 50% water use reduction.		Water reduction strategy drafted and will be included within the CREWW project.
Hospitality, Catering, Retail & FM, Waste and Recycling			
9	95% reduction in single use plastic packaging	Peter Scargill (Director of Commercial, Residential and Campus Services)	Compostable or re-use switch complete
10	85% recycling of all waste		Working with all waste collection contractors to achieve this target and on course to do so
11	Campus wide waste reuse / recycling programme		Various recycling and reuse programmes in operation and working in collaboration with the Students Guild
12	100% reduction in non-compostable single use plastic cups and containers		Disposable cups can be fully recycled and all takeaway containers are 100% compostable

13	95% reduction in paper / printing (giving consideration to reasonable adjustments)		Printing has naturally reduced due to hybrid working.
14	Environmental and carbon impact/benefit required for all contracts, specifications, tenders		In progress for all CRC procurement.
15	Implement a Meat Second Policy		Visual merchandising demonstrates a Meat 2 nd offering. Digital and Hard menu materials demonstrate a Meat 2 nd offering.
16	Implement local, sustainable sources and practices, including from all producers and suppliers e.g. best environmental/welfare practice animal products, sustainable palm oil, low carbon footprint		We are currently working towards 9 initiatives as part of the Thematic Forum. We also have Student Guild representation on the Commercial Co-Ordination Board to ensure student views are communicated. These initiatives form part of our Sustainable Food Policy and action plan, that are measured and reported on each financial year.
17	Manage and minimise environmental impact of spills through training, management of Hospitality, Catering, Retail and FM practices and selection of environmentally friendly products / chemicals / practices		Spills training is on-going within the appropriate teams. FM currently trialling env friendly cleaning products and practises and new cleaning chemical tender being prepared, aiming for September completion
Biodiversity / Campus Protection			
18	Establish net positive plan for Woodland, Wetland and Campus wide biodiversity	Alison Davison (Director of Sport and Grounds)	The differing benefits of habitat types is being scoped. Funding and resource have been requested via the E&CE team to effectively manage peripheral habitats effectively. A PEA survey has been undertaken as is being used to benchmark habits against natural England matrix. Strategies will be scoped and developed over the next 8-12 months, considering research and academic engagement.
19	Manage and minimise environmental impact of spills through training, management of Sports and Grounds practices and selection of environmentally friendly products / chemicals / practices		In person training disrupted by Covid. Presentation developed to deliver training for pollution prevention and spillage response. Recording of practical simulated spill response in progress.
20	Maintain a register of licences and permits and monitor to ensure compliance		A register of licences and permits has been created working with the H&S team as a register for the whole university. This work is ongoing
Data Analytics & Reporting			
21	80% accuracy, 100% coverage of data reported	Andy Seaman (Head of Environment, and Climate Emergency).	Complete and ongoing review to maintain status – M Summerfield
22	Quarterly Carbon Scorecard Reporting / Target Performance tracking (to be made publically available)		Complete and ongoing review to maintain status – M Summerfield
23	Adopt life cycle thinking and analysis in the evaluation of savings to achieve lowest environmental and carbon footprint from our actions and decisions		Development of a Carbon Accounting Thematic Forum in plan and preparation work almost complete - Fraser Browning
Communication and Engagement			
30	Ensure that the CIOSS EMS Environmental Management Policy is made available for all students and individuals working for or on behalf of the University and to provide training and awareness for staff and students where appropriate;	Hugh McCann (Acting Directors of Campus	EMS Policy publicly available on Sustainability website

		Infrastructure & Operational Support Services)	An ISO14001 EMS Introduction & Overview is available on the ISO14001 EMS SharePoint site together with a recorded presentation
31	Provide information regarding the CIOSS EMS performance across CIOSS		ECE Communications & Engagement Lead recruited. Inclusion of articles in CIOSS all staff newsletters.
32	Support CIOSS managers and employees to make local changes through a devolved culture for environmental management		Standing Item on CIOSS H&S Meeting under Service Updates.
33	Engage with interested parties to understand their needs and expectations (in relation to the CIOSS EMS)		ECE Communications & Engagement Lead recruited
34	Actively support students in becoming agents for environmental change		ECE Communications & Engagement Lead recruited. Sustainable Societies Alliance initiatives fund launched. Go Green Week activities participation. Green Rewards student portal.
35	Actively promote positive personal, departmental and CIOSS EMS Action Plan		ECE Communications & Engagement Lead recruited. EMS objectives incorporated in e-pdr process for any delegated responsibility in accordance with the CIOSS Climate Action plan and or EMS Action plan

Complete
In Progress/Ongoing